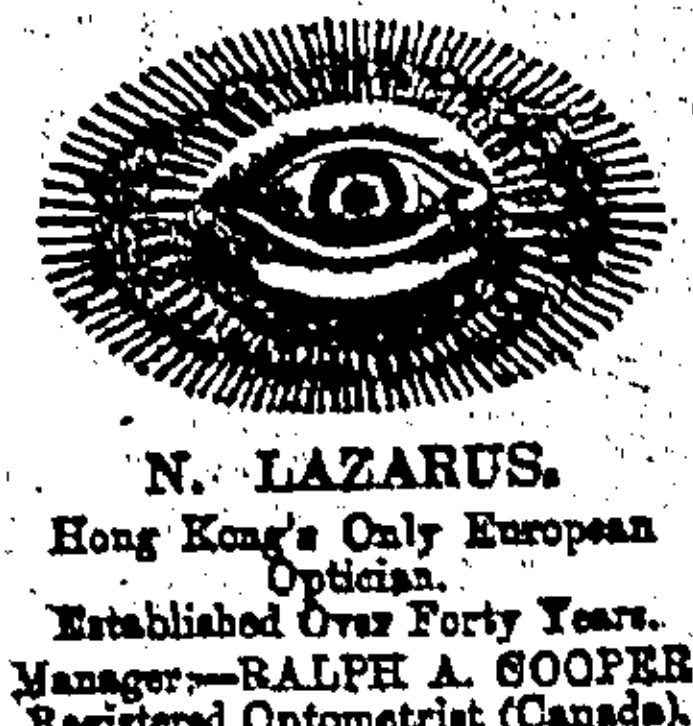


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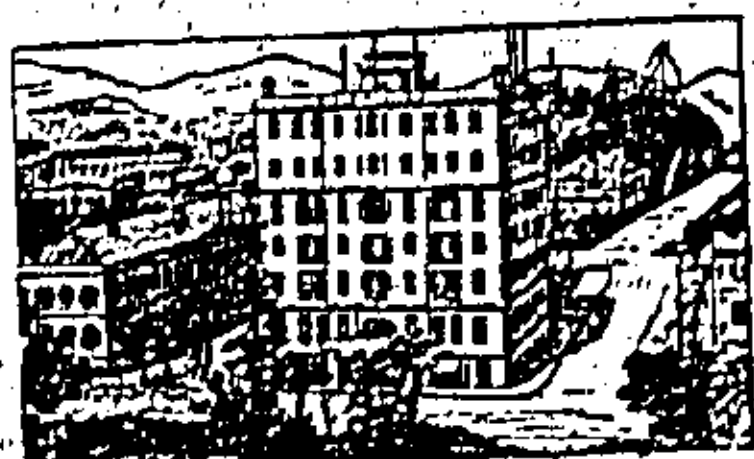
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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, January 24th.
In the course of the last few days I have an opportunity of hearing the opinion of some leading industrialists on the increase in railway rates which has just been sanctioned by the Railway Rates Tribunal. The view is held that the increase has come a very inopportune moment, when producers are making a determined bid for overseas trade after the coal stoppage that imposed enormous losses on the country. Merchants are also hit as well as producers by a higher railway tariff. Even a small additional charge may be a severe handicap at a time like the present, because it is essential that no hindrance whatever should be placed in the way of trade recovery.

The other side of the story is that the railways are in a serious position. The coal strike meant a drop of £28,000,000 in the gross traffic receipts last year as compared with 1925, and the companies had to draw £7,000,000 from their reserves to pay dividends. I learn that the net loss last year may be anything from £10,000,000 to £15,000,000. At the same time traders declare that they are not getting an efficient train service. They take the line of argument that it is like adding insult to injury to ask them to pay more now than hitherto. They are to be charged at a higher rate for fewer advantages.

Road Transport.

One argument of the railway companies is that, apart from the strike, they are heavily hit by the competition of road transport. The quantity of goods now sent by motor lorries from factory and workshop direct to the purchaser wherever he may be in England, or to the ports for shipment abroad, is enormous. Moreover, it is growing and it will continue to grow. An impetus was given to it by the general strike and the coal strike; it was then proved that it is cheaper and speedier to send direct by lorry from door to door, as it were, than to use the railways with the obligation to handle the goods three or four times. There are now fleets of motor lorries running between London and the great centres of industry throughout the country, and between one provincial town and another.

The railways are of course feeling the effects of this keen competition. Looking to the future the prospect is not an agreeable one for railway managers to contemplate. They complain of the motor traffic competing with them, and also complain that railways have to pay heavily towards local rates for the upkeep of main roads for the use of the rival goods carriers. There is something in this argument, but not very much. Motors are taxed to the Road Fund, which pays big sums for maintenance of the great highways, so the railways are no worse than the general body of ratepayers. What they lose sight of is that they have been in a position of monopoly for so long that they have failed to bring their methods up to date. They must prepare themselves for new conditions and abandon obsolete methods.

Marines For China.

There were scenes of great enthusiasm when Royal Marines left Chatham en route for Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth, to embark with marines from Plymouth and also from Portsmouth for China. The force numbering 1,000 men is the largest contingent of marines ever sent abroad from Portsmouth at one time, exceeding by 300 the draft which went to Belgium in 1914 for the defence of Antwerp. (Continued on next Column).

TWINS WHO THINK IN UNISON.

IDENTICAL TASTES AND MISTAKES IN SCHOOL WORK.

A MEDICAL PUZZLE.

Twins with but a single thought make a curious case which is being investigated by Dr. G. P. Crowden, of University College. The twins, now 20 years of age, are Messrs. G. and L. Ellis, and they live with their father, Mr. Reginald Ellis, a patent agent, at Madeley-road, Ealing.

Dr. Crowden first noticed the twins in a train some years ago, and later made exhaustive tests which are embodied in a report now published by Guy's Hospital. The twins, who were delicate as children, always had the same illnesses, according to the report. The mental and physical development at school was so similar that the master's were at a loss to avoid putting the same remarks on both their reports.

One strong trait they share is that of having the same thoughts in the same environment. One early involuntary test of this arose when they were at school. Both made the same mistake in the same problem during a mathematical examination so that both were accused of cheating. It was found that they were seated at opposite ends of the hall and could not have cheated. In another case when they had to draw a map of England from memory they began and finished the coastline in exactly the same place.

They both chose engineering as their career when at school, but later simultaneously abandoned engineering for law. They are so much alike that only their parents can tell them apart. Their eyes are the same colour, the texture and colour of their hair are identical; their height is the same, their complexion the same, and both are freckled.

Doctor Crowden's ambition is to investigate cases of similar twins together, instead of being brought up separately as is the custom in early childhood, in order to see whether they react to different environments.

At Chatham the streets were lined with vast crowds, and a feature of the farewells was provided by hundreds of unemployed who darted out of the Labour Exchange and cheered madly.

This manifestation of popular feeling confirms what I wrote in my article last week—that the people of this country are determined to protect the lives and property of British residents in China, and maintain the prestige of the British race in the Far East. They may not know much about the aims of the Chinese, but they do know that it is the duty of the British Government to prevent the Chinese from inflicting injustice in defiance of treaty rights.

Mr. Eugene Chen In London.

The Daily Express publishes a sketch of Mr. Eugene Chen by a business man who knew the Chinese Nationalist leader when the latter was in London some years ago. Mr. Chen, it seems, was then living at Putney with his wife. The writer was employed by a great firm of pill manufacturers, and it was decided to open up business in China. Mr. Chen being engaged to assist. It was originally intended to send the pills to China in blue cartons. Mr. Chen advised the firm not to do so. He said blue was an unpopular colour among the Chinese, and mentioned some connection with "blue devils," so the colour of the cartons was altered to a bright red.

Mr. Chen used to sit in the office armed with a camel's hair paint brush, and draw up advertisements and translations of labels in the Chinese language. "It fascinated me," says this business man, "to watch his hand, moving slowly up the page from the bottom to the top, inscribing the strange characters. We, of course, did not know in the least what he was writing. He might have black-guarded us for all we knew." But he did his work well, as the venture was successful.—H.B.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

Today.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Musicals, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
H.K. Philharmonic Society rehearsal (H.M.S. Pinafore), Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

Debate, Y.M.C.A., 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."

World Theatre: "Texas Streak."
Star Theatre: "His Jazz Bride."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Suez (Mongolia); Europe via Siberia (Delta). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Mongolia), 5 p.m.

Friday.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Volunteers Practice parade for G.O.C.'s inspection Headquarters, 5.30.

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral, by Mr. F. Mason, 5.45 p.m.
Victoria Recreation Club annual meeting, 6 p.m.

Kowloon Cricket Club dance, Hotel Savoy, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."

World Theatre: "Texas Streak."
Star Theatre: "His Jazz Bride."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Australia (Tango Maru).
Saturday.

Rain Water Festival (Yu Shui).
First Committee Meeting for New Territories Development Show.

Rehearsal of Miss Violet Capell's pupils, Theatre Royal, 3 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Hotel Savoy tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Race Meeting, Macao.

Golf: Club v. Ladies; bogey pool; Fanning.

Football and Cricket: Details in Saturday's issue.

Yachting: Presented Cups Race, for all classes.

H.M.S. Hermes dance, Hotel Savoy, 8.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."

World Theatre: "Texas Streak."
Star Theatre: "His Jazz Bride."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Suez (Mongolia); Europe via Siberia (Delta). Outward: Europe via Siberia (Mongolia), 10 a.m.

Sunday.
Golf: Junior Championship Semi-final; Bogey Pool, Fanning.

Race Meeting, Macao.

Yachting: Re-sail of 1st Championship race, cruisers.

Social Gathering, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Marriage Clause."

World Theatre: "Prairie Wife."
Star Theatre: "The Ten Commandments."

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (Shinyo Maru); U.S.A., etc. (President Jefferson).
Monday.

Golf: Bogey pool, Fanning.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Hotel Savoy tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Musicals, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Philharmonic Society rehearsal (H.M.S. Pinafore), Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.

Lecture: "Aviation," by Flight-Lieut. J. Nevill, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Annual Meeting, Kowloon Residents' Association, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Marriage Clause."

World Theatre: "Prairie Wife."
Star Theatre: "The Ten Commandments."

Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, U.S.A., etc., Europe via San Francisco and via Siberia (Shinyo Maru), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Demodocus), 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Hotel Savoy tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Annual meeting H.K. Benevolent Society, City Hall, noon.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Hotel Savoy tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

5th Annual Dancing Display by Miss V. Capell's pupils, Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Mystic."

World Theatre: "Dulcy."
Star Theatre: "The Devil's Circus."

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In the past centuries no ruler has ascended the throne of Japan with greater love and confidence of his millions than her new Emperor Hirohito. The era of "Showa" has opened with every promise of the glorious peace and harmony, which it conveys, writes Mr. K. Takahashi, one of the few distinguished Japanese journalists of matured world experience, who is capable of understanding feeling for and appreciation of the West.

Fifty, even 30 years ago, it would have jarred in the Japanese ear to speak of the people's love and confidence in their Ruler; he was too far removed, too far above them, to justify such language; but Emperor Hirohito was a favourite of the nation as the Crown Prince, he conquered the hearts of the millions as the Regent and now sits on the throne as the object of complete national trust and admiration.

The new Mikado is a very young man, being born the first son of the late Emperor on April 29th, 1901, when the great Emperor Meiji was still on the throne. He received his early education in the Peers' School, which was presided over by the late General Count Nogi, who was put in the post by the order of the Emperor, who wished that his first and beloved grandson should be brought up under the eye of the renowned soldier. After finishing the primary course of the school, in April of the year in which the great world war broke out, he was put through a further course of education under Fleet Admiral Count Togo, who had under him Viscount Hamano, high Army and Navy officers and scholars of the highest repute in the land.

Calm and Dignity.

The ten years that followed revealed to the country its future ruler almost an exact replica of the adored Emperor Meiji at the same age, profoundly calm and dignified, careful and thoughtful in everything, generous and kind hearted, with a fond of outdoor sports and full of boyish vivacity. At the age of 12 years, he was taught horse riding and in five he became a better horseman than his Imperial grandfather, who was a perfect horseman in his early days. About the same time the young Prince Imperial developed great interest in the natural sciences, entomology and conchology being two branches of which he was very fond, as he still is, having a collection in his Akasaka palace. In the extensive grounds of the palace just mentioned, he has a fine tennis and an archery courts as well as a small golf course.

By far the most important event in the young Crown Prince's life was his tour to Europe in 1921, which lasted six months, including the sea voyage outward and homeward. He stayed longest in England.

This Imperial tour was absolutely unprecedented for the Crown Prince of Japan, none of whom had ever before set foot on European soil, as a part of his education. Another event of equal or even greater importance, though of quite a different nature, that made the profoundest impression on the Japanese heart was the ideal manner in which the Regent acquitted himself after an attempt was made on his life on December 27th, 1923. A would-be assassin's bullet pierced the window panes of His Highness's motor-car, within an inch of his head as he was speeding to the opening ceremony of the Imperial Diet. He stepped out of his car at the Parliament building, a perfect picture of unruffled calmness.

It was only when the cares of state were lightened that he allowed himself the relaxation of outdoor sports, in which case he played lawn tennis with Her Majesty the Empress or went archery. Before he was married, he was known to have frequently gone out golfing.

Their Majesties are now in deepest mourning and their daily routine may be different; but there can be no doubt that the normal order of things will return in due time. Let it be especially mentioned, however, that His Majesty is a very diligent and very seriously minded man, was his illustrious grandfather. His first though will always be his people. There will be hearty and honest merriments in the Imperial home; but never stupid extravagances as long as their present Majesties reign.

and a moment later he was reading the Imperial speech with a clear, steady voice, as if nothing of any significance had happened.

About two years before this startling attempt, His Highness was appointed the Regent, owing to the illness of his father, the late Emperor. As the Crown Prince and Regent he married Princess Nagako of the house of Prince Kuni. The new home formed by the young Imperial couple is described as ideally happy. In addition to her womanly qualities, the Empress is an accomplished painter sharing her husband's love of outdoor recreations, especially lawn tennis.

Extreme Simplicity.

Bearing public functions and formalities and so to say, the most rigid of conventionalities, the outgrowth of centuries, the private life of the reigning family of Japan has always been characterized by extreme simplicity, especially in gratifying personal wants and fancies. The great Emperor Meiji especially was particular in this respect, and the life of the late Emperor from his boyhood up was one constant exemplification of virtue, not that of the new Sovereign an exception to the rule. True, the progress of the age and the elevated position of the country has combined to make his living appurtenances such as had never been the lot of his father or grandfather, still less his ancestors to enjoy in point of comfort and convenience. Nevertheless he was always self-denying even to severity as the Crown Prince and Regent and he will, no doubt, continue the same as Emperor.

In his Regent days, Emperor Hirohito rose at 6.30 in the morning and going up due course, to the family altar worshipped the spirit of the first ancestor, who personified the God of universe, and of all others in the line of descent. After this devotional practice, he spent his time before breakfast, in reading the newspapers with his Princes Consort, paying special attention, it was said, to foreign telegrams and also news relating to social questions. As to meals, to take them with his wife, the breakfast consisting of light and modest foreign dishes, the lunch of simple Japanese cuisine and dinner of an unpretentious menu.

Soon after the breakfast, His present Majesty went to the work of the day, attending to the affairs of the state, and the rest of the day, except the noon hour, he was occupied similarly until dinner time. For a few hours after dinner there followed a most pleasant family gathering, in which the little Princess Teru-no-miya formed the centre of joy-making of her fond young parents.

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M. PAUL POIRET ON THE DOOM OF SKIRTS.

Women, in thirty years' time, will wear trousers, and skirts will be as much things of the past as is long hair to-day.

This is the prophecy of that great monarch of the world of women's fashions, M. Paul Poiret, the Paris dressmaker. Many women of fashion agree that it stands every chance of being fulfilled. It appears in the January issue of the *Forum*, an American magazine.

It will be American influence, he says, that will persuade women to wear trousers. French designers, however, will lead women to replace trousers for trousered effects.

"These are his views:—
"The further this American spirit spreads, the more masculine and the more severe will the fashions for women become. Already we have been treated to women in dinner jackets, and we shall soon witness a revival of trouser skirts under various guises."

Inevitable.

"Trousers for women will not be a mere short-lived fad; they will become as inevitable as bobbed hair, which is here to stay. Of course, there are disapproving women who grumble, and die-hards who protest, but I say in all confidence that the women who still demur at sacrificing their golden fleece will be won over by those who have grasped the scissors boldly, and those who hesitate the longest will end by looking positively funny."

"Trousers will also be found more practical and more hygienic. Even evening costumes will be straight and austere."

M. Poiret illustrates his article. One design, entitled "A Capricious Lady of 1957," represents a young woman in a trousered suit with fur cuffs on the sleeves and fur edging to the trousers, while another one shows a woman in extremely short divided skirts, with long garters that give her the appearance of an eighteenth-century shepherdess.

"Perhaps when we remember the daintily feminine little women in trousers whom we see all around us in Hong Kong the prospect loses much of its terror."

WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY.

ANNUAL REPORT.

PROFIT OF \$754,338 LAST YEAR.

The fortieth ordinary annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., will be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, February 24th, at noon.

The Directors' report to be presented at the meeting states:—
The profit on working was \$754,338.14 as compared with \$692,814.11 in 1925.

The balance for the year, after deducting Directors' and Auditors' fees, allowing for depreciation, paying for ordinary repairs and a retiring bonus to former accountant, is \$481,543.12. The amount brought forward from last year is \$331,190.56 making a total of \$812,733.68 available for appropriation.

The Directors recommend the following:—

To pay a dividend of \$6 per share \$480,000.00
To carry forward 332,733.68
\$812,733.68

Directors.

The Directors record with much regret, the death of Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, Kt., C.M.G.
Messrs. A. S. D. Cousland and Allan Cameron retire according to the Articles of Association and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Incorporated, Accountants, and Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants, have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

The retiring bonus allowed to the former accountant of the Company, referred to in the report, was \$25,000.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

LAST YEAR'S PROFIT.

\$303,769.

It is officially announced that the net profit of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., for the year ended on the 31st December, 1926, including the sum brought forward from the previous year, and after charging interest, insurances, maintenance and repairs, rates and taxes, etc., and providing for depreciation and bad and doubtful debts, amounted to \$303,769.45, which at the ordinary yearly meeting of the Company to be held on the 4th March next, the Directors will recommend be dealt with as follows:

To transfer to General Reserve \$300,000.00
To carry forward to 1927 account 3,769.45

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce & de Navigation D'Extrême-Orient in their report, dated February 9th, state:

Our market continues to be rather dull and business has been stopped for one week on account of Chinese New Year holidays. Paddy supply is fair and generally above the needs. Prices have slightly dropped.

Beside a few inquiries from Japan for March/April shipment there is nothing to report concerning rice and prices have a downward tendency.

As to broken; sellers are reserved and only small lots have been sold to Europe.

For export, in a general manner, the rise of the local currency has compensated the drop in the prices of the commodity.

We quote to-day white Saigon rice No. 1 25 per cent. broken round grain: Hong Kong \$7.15 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon; 12s. 5d. per cwt. f.o.b. Saigon; Yens 7.45 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon.

White Saigon rice No. 2 sifted Japan quality: Hong Kong \$6.60 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon; 11s. 7d. per cwt. f.o.b. Saigon; Yens 6.80 per picul of 134 lbs. f.o.b. Saigon.

For February/March shipment.

EWO COTTON DIVIDEND.

LAST YEAR'S PROFIT.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts have received a telegram from their Shanghai Office, advising that the Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd., have declared a dividend of Tls. 0.65 per share.

The profits for the year amount to Tls. 1,120,000.

2.30 7.15 5.10 QUEEN'S 9.20 WILLIAM HAINES



JACK PICKFORD and WILLIAM HAINES in "BROWN OF HARVARD"

BROWN OF HARVARD

2.30 7.15 5.15 WORLD 9.15 HOOT GIBSON

in THE TEXAS STREAK

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MARBLE FLAT IN PICCADILLY.

ALABASTER AND BLACK GLASS.

There is being prepared in Devonshire House, Piccadilly, W., a large flat which will be like the palace of an idle dream.

This flat—which has 25 rooms, including 5 bathrooms—is on the fourth floor of Devonshire House, and is being decorated by Mr. Oliver Hill, the architect, for the owner.

Details of the decorations, which have apparently been chosen with regard to cost, are as follows:—

The walls, floor, and ceiling of the dining-room will be of sun-coloured marble from Italy. The table will be of verdite, a dark green marble from Africa, and there will be a side board of the same substance. Round the room will stand four lamps of red and golden onyx, with lights glowing in golden onyx bowls. The room will also be lit by lamps glowing through the sun-coloured marble ceiling.

The window-frames will be of deep yellow Verona marble, engraved with silver, and the doors of oak.

The long gallery of the hall has a green marble floor and walls of black glass—glass backed with black and silver-grey oak. It will be lit by "artificial daylight" from the ceiling.

Sunken Bath.

One of the bedrooms has orange-coloured alabaster walls, an ivory-coloured marble floor, and a partly sunk bath of jade-green marble.

One of the bedrooms will be in the Venetian style, with arched pilasters of engraved glass, and a colour scheme of blue, pink, and grey. Another will be paneled in cedar wood.

In the library there will be a mantel-piece of yellow marble and lapis lazuli.

PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS.

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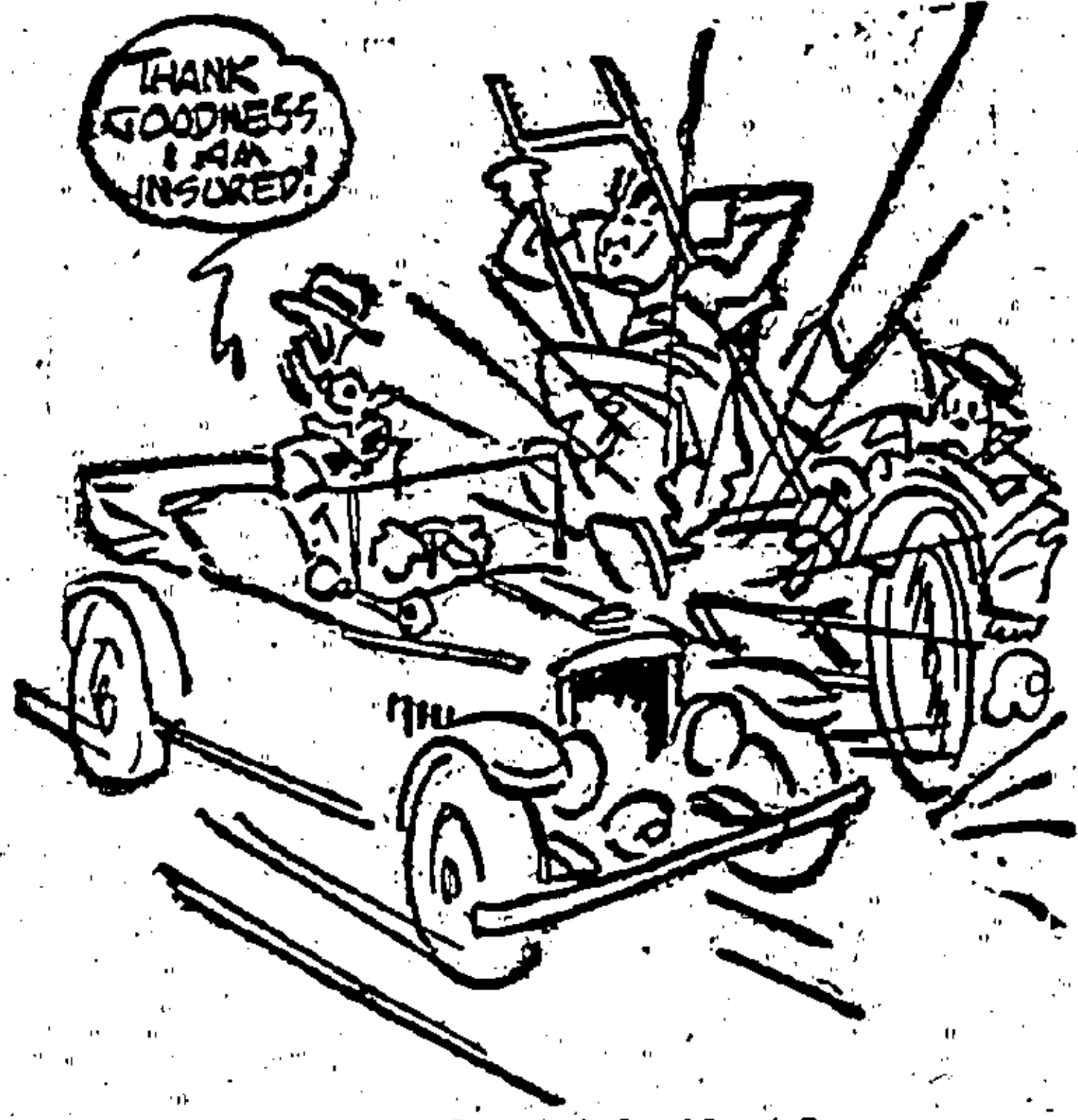
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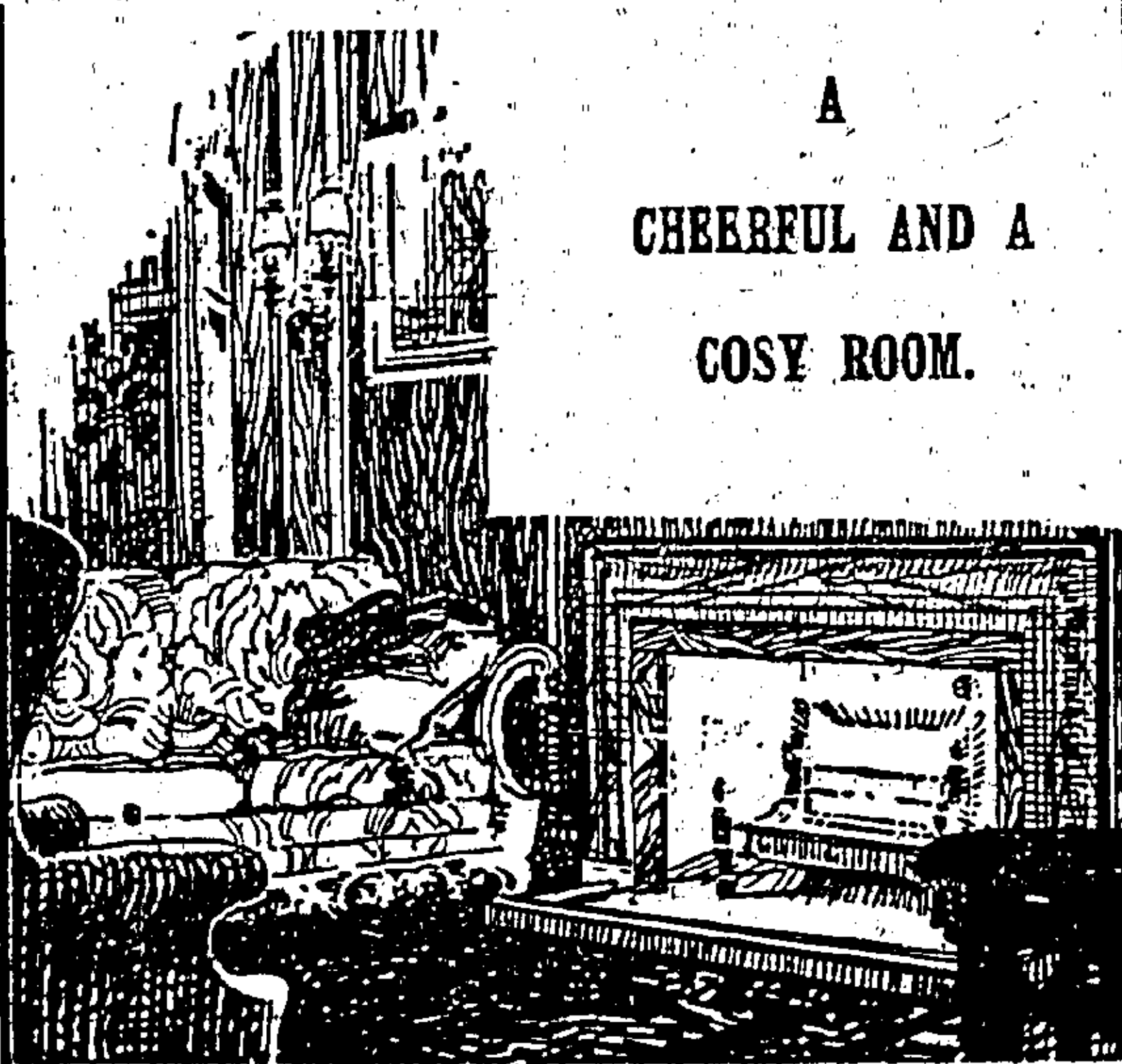


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SUMMARY COURT.

GOODS SOLD AND DELIVERED.

In the Summary Court yesterday, before the acting Puisne Judge, Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, the Chee Lee Company, merchants, of 140, Connaught Road, West, sued Hop King Cheong, building contractor, of 15, Chiu Loong Street, for \$470.95, being the amount due for goods sold and delivered. Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the plaintiffs, and the defendants were not represented.

The accountant of the plaintiff firm gave evidence to the effect that the money was owing, and said he had applied for payment, but they had kept on putting him off.

In reply to his Lordship, witness denied that his firm owed the defendants any money.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs with costs.

FARMYARD THIEF.

GETS THREE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon on the Chinese whose arrest was effected by a plucky farmer in one of the villages near Kowloon Tong.

The defendant, together with another man not in custody, was seen moving about surreptitiously in the farmer's garden well after midnight on Monday. The farmer went to the kitchen to investigate where he was seized by one of the men. He shouted for help and his wife pluckily went to his assistance. She was also seized and in the struggle received a cut in the wrist. The miscreant then took to his heels and only after a stern chase, in which several villagers joined, was he arrested.

ORGAN RECITAL.

To-morrow evening a recital will be given at the Cathedral by Mr. F. Masen, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L. The following is the programme:—

1.—Choral Prelude
"A rose breaks into bloom"
Brahms.

From a set of Choral Preludes which occupied Brahms during the summer of 1896; and are his last compositions. The one to be played this evening is remarkable for its quiet beauty.

2.—Introduction to Act III
"Tannhauser."
Wagner.

"As a matter of instrumentation and orchestral colouring, Wagner is supreme. Although this fine work can never be so effective as on a large orchestra, it yet remains a wonderful piece of music, which on a modern organ is, at least, impressive."

3.—Petite Pastorale, Maurice Ravel.
A picturesque little movement, graceful and melodious.

4.—A Night in May
Selim Palmgren.

A beautiful atmospheric sketch written for the piano, but effective on the organ. It abounds in modern progressions.

5.—Concerto Grosso
(Prelude, Allemanda, Minuetto)
Archangelo Corelli.

This, old-world music (A.D. 1700), is intensely rhythmic, has a charm entirely its own. The stately Prelude soon gives place to the Allemanda, a bright and genial movement. A short Adagio, of rich harmonies, played on the Full Swell, followed by delicate flute-like arpeggi, leads into the graceful Minuetto, with which the Concerto closes.

HYMN 273.
During the singing of which a collection will be taken for the Organ Fund.

6.—Large, from the Symphony
"From the New World"
Anton Dvorak.

This well-known movement requires no introduction, taken from a symphony which easily maintains its popularity. It will provide an opportunity for the effective use of one or more of the "solo" stops of the reconstructed organ.

7.—Spring Song
Alfred Hollins.

An attractive little piece, by the gifted blind composer and organist.

8.—Rigaudon
Lullu.
From the Collection of Airs, composed for the Band of Louis XIV.

THE "SUNNING" PIRACY.

THE LAST TWO OF THE SUSPECTS IN COURT.

PLEA OF MISTAKEN-IDENTITY.

The two alleged pirates who were wounded in connection with the piracy of the s.s. *Sunning* on November 15th, while the vessel was on a journey from Shanghai to Hong Kong, appeared on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon at the Central Police Court.

These defendants, it will be recalled, were taken to hospital suffering from wounds when the whole batch of twenty-two suspects were landed here on November 17th, and were therefore, unable to take their trial together with the 20 accused, some of whom were convicted and some discharged.

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence) prosecuted. The first witness called was a tallyman on the *Sunning*, who said that at the time when the piracy occurred, he was in his cabin. He heard shots fired and not long after, the second defendant approached witness and his *fakis* and asked if they had any firearms. On being told that they had not, the No. 2 defendant went away, but returned again after a few hours. Defendant patrolled about for a few minutes and left them. Witness said that he saw the second defendant again after he had been tied up prior to be taken on board H.M.S. *Bluchell*.

When asked if he had any question to put to the witness, the second defendant said that there must have been a mistake. He said that the witness could not possibly have seen him, as he had never been to that part of the ship.

His Worship: Yes, he made a mistake and so did the others. I suppose?

Passengers' Cabin Ransacked.

Corroborative evidence was given by another tallyman, but said that of the armed men who had been down to their cabin, he could not recognise any one of them. He also testified to seeing the Chief Officer dragged forward from the saloon deck. He said later he was ordered to go back to his cabin by the pirates, and at about 7 p.m. he saw several armed men having a meal in the Chinese saloon. Witness said that he had also seen two or three pirates entering the cabins of the passengers, and that when they emerged, they carried some money in their hands. The money was put into a leather suit-case.

The Chinese first-class cabin boy said that at about 3.30 p.m. he was in the steerage, when he first heard of the piracy. He immediately went up the ladder, but half way up, he was ordered back by armed men. "One of the pirates told me to get back or else he would kill me," added witness.

Continuing witness said that he remained in the steerage until after 5 p.m. and during the time he was there, he saw several armed men who had come down from the upper deck demanding the steerage passengers to hand over their valuables and money. Witness also stated that, after midnight he and many others were taken on deck by the pirates to act as shield against the gun fire of the ship's officers. Witness said that he could not identify any one of the two defendants in Court.

Further evidence were heard and the case was again remanded.

S.S. "LING NAM" SOLD.

LOCAL SYNDICATE PAYS \$150,000.

The s.s. *Ling Nam*, which has been lying idle here for months, is reported to have been sold to a local syndicate for \$150,000.

The vessel was formerly on the Hong Kong and South America run, but it is stated that under the new owners her run will be between Hong Kong and Singapore.

NAVAL PARADE CANCELLED.

THROUGH INCLEMENCY OF THE WEATHER.

A MARCH THIS MORNING.

There was to have been a route march yesterday morning by a Naval detachment, but owing to the inclemency of the weather it had to be cancelled.

Shortly after nine o'clock over 1,400 blue-jackets and Marines were landed at the Naval Yard and Queen's Pier to march through the City.

Lieut. Comdr. R. B. Ramsay, M.V.O. (H.M.S. *Dance*) was to have been in command, whilst six officers from each of the vessels sending detachments were also detailed for duty.

Platoons of blue-jackets were landed from the aircraft-carrier *Hermes* and from the cruisers *Prohibitor*, *Delhi*, *Danae*, *Dragon* and *Caradoc*.

The men were in full service kit with steel helmets and web equipment.

Two bands were to have accompanied the column, namely the massed bands of the Royal Marines of the above men-of-war and a massed "volunteer band" (i.e., blue-jackets).

In addition to the platoons of blue-jackets, machine and Lewis gun sections were detailed for duty, whilst four field guns—drawn by blue-jackets—were to have brought up the rear of the column.

It is understood that a detachment of Royal Marines, numbering about 400 strong, will march through the City morning.

HOTEL KEEPERS WARNED.

REGISTERS MUST BE KEPT.

ZETLAND HOUSE FINED.

When Mrs. White, the proprietress of Zetland House, was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistrate's Court, for failing to keep a register of visitors, and neglecting to send weekly returns to the Captain Superintendent of Police, a warning was issued to all hotel keepers by the Magistrate, who emphasized that such regulations must be complied with.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$25.

DEAF PRISONER GIVES HIMSELF AWAY.

LOOKS BLANK BUT HEARS HIS SENTENCE.

The solemnity of the Court and the usual monotony of uninteresting cases were broken yesterday at the Central Magistrate's Court when the deaf and illiterate Chinese, who was charged with the unlawful possession of five tins of non-Government opium made his re-appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

It will be recalled that at a previous hearing of the case, Sub-Inspector Clarke stated that the man was stone deaf and unable to read or write.

His Worship passed sentence of \$500 fine, or three months' hard labour, but said that it would have to stand in abeyance until yesterday as it was necessary that some means be found for acquainting the man of the Court's sentence.

"When the man was brought to Court yesterday morning, he preserved the same blank look that had hitherto deceived many on-lookers, but the bomb-shell was exploded when the Magistrate told the man that 'the show was off' and that he had better not to pretend any longer. 'You did not know that you were under observation in the Gaol hospital yesterday, did you? As soon as you were left alone you started talking to your next neighbour,' said Mr. Lindsell.

Upon a certificate from the Prison Medical Officer, his Worship said that the sentence passed at the first hearing would stand.



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THE CATHEDRAL ORGAN.

DEDICATION SERVICE HELD LAST NIGHT.

At St. John's Cathedral last evening the reconstructed organ, of which a description has previously appeared in the *Daily Press*, was dedicated by the Bishop of Victoria (The Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy). The service was opened with the professional hymn "All people that on earth do dwell" which was sung unaccompanied.

When the clergy and choir had reached their places, the Bishop pronounced the dedicatory prayer. Following this the choir rendered Barnby's anthem "Grant to us, Lord..."

Special prayers by the Cathedral Chaplain (The Rev. H. Copley Moyle) followed.

The choir then sang the anthem "O praise God in His Holiness" (Hugh Blair). After the dedicatory service, the following organ solos were played by Mr. F. Masen (the Cathedral Organist): "Minuet" from "Berepice" (Handel), and "Allegro Maestoso" from Sonata No. 3 (Rheinberger).

The service was concluded with the singing of "O Worship the King All-glorious Above," the Blessing, and Stainer's "Sevenfold Amen." A collection was taken for the Organ Fund.

HELENA MAY MUSICALS.

THIS AFTERNOON'S PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme of the musicals to be given at the Helena May Institute this (Thursday) afternoon:

Songs—
(a) "Still as the Night" Bohm.
(b) "Star of Me" Roger.
Mrs. R. SANGER.

Songs—
(a) "Through the Silent Night" Rachmaninoff.
(b) "Love went a-riding" F. Bridge.
Mr. L. E. HOPKINS.

Recitation—"The Littlest One" St. John Adeock.
Mrs. S. S. PEREY.

Piano Solo—"Polonaise in A Flat" Chopin.
Mr. A. M. BOWEN-SMITH.

Songs—
(a) "Ich Liebe Dich" Grieg.
(b) "In the Boat" Grieg.
Mrs. R. SANGER.

Recitation—"The Littlest One" St. John Adeock.
Mrs. S. S. PEREY.

Piano Solo—"Polonaise in A Flat" Chopin.
Mr. A. M. BOWEN-SMITH.

Duet—"Decidi il mio Destino" from Pagliacci Puccini.
Mrs. A. M. BOWEN-SMITH and
Mr. L. E. HOPKINS.

JAPANESE MAILED FIST IN MUKDEN.

SUCCESSFUL SHOW OF FORCE WHEN PROTEST FAILS.

The protests of the Japanese Consulate against the imposition of the 2½ per cent. surtax on goods entering the native city from the direction of the Japanese Concession proving unavailing, some 60 local Japanese took it into their heads to see what could be accomplished by a martial spirit, writes a *N.C. Daily News* correspondent from Mukden. The day before, a large Japanese concern, more as a test than anything else, attempted to send some 30 cases of merchandise to one of their clients in the native city without the payment of any surtax to the collectors at the gate. The goods were not permitted to proceed, and so were piled up on the street, with Japanese policemen standing guard all through the night with the thermometer many degrees below zero.

And it Passed.
Despite the sharp protests of the Japanese authorities, nothing could be done, whereupon the 60 Japanese mentioned marched out to the spot where the held-up goods were located. What impression this gave to the collectors it is hard to say. Perhaps they thought the Japanese would put up a fight, or that discretion was the part of valour, but, in any case, they permitted the cargo to pass into the native city.

It is the impression of foreign observers that what the surtax collectors could not obtain from the senders of the goods would be collected from the receivers, "and then some" as the Americans say. It is expected that the Chinese authorities will take the matter up officially with the Japanese Consulate, claiming interference with the work of Chinese officials, but to the average Japanese in Mukden this display of martial spirit is regarded as a good joke, although in some quarters it is considered undiplomatic.

DARKEST RUSSIA. INDIAN'S TERRIBLE IMPRISONMENT.

An Indian engineer, Mohamed Said Kureshi, has arrived in Berlin from Russia where he spent nearly five years in prisons before being able to get into touch with the British representative, who secured his release. He said:
The worst prison was that at Solovetsk, which is on an island in the White Sea. I do not believe that in the whole of the world there is such a hell. I was never tried by the Bolshevik authorities, who had no evidence against me. I am only alive now because I believe they dared not kill a British subject.

POLICE VERSUS THE UNIONS.**CANTON SHOP BLOCKADE LIFTED.****BUDDHIST NUNNERIES TO BE DISSOLVED.****FALL OF SHANGHAI RUMOURS.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Kuomintang authorities in Canton, on the evening of February 14th, requested the aid of the Police to raise the blockades which the labour unions have declared on the business firms. The unions' method of blockade was to place a Red flag in front of the black-listed office or shop and two pickets would prevent any further transaction of business. On the evening of the 14th, the Police lifted the blockade on nearly 500 shops.

Soviet agents in Canton are not so helpful to Kuomintang comrades as they usually profess, and even the Kuomintang Press agencies have complained. Some \$300,000 alleged to have been put in the hands of the Soviet High Commission has yet to be accounted for, as the aeroplanes for which this was the payment have not all been delivered.

As in Canton, merchants in Shikwan have, owing to Union action, been unable to appoint or dismiss *fakis* on the second day of the Chinese New Year according to the usual custom. The Unions in Shikwan are insisting that the merchants must comply with their demands or close down until further notice.

Mr. Hsu Chung Ching, Commissioner of Education in Canton, is in a difficulty with regard to the appointment of Madame Sun Yat Sen as headmistress of the Canton Normal School for Women. Madame Sun has signified her intention to accept the offer but has not assumed office, and police Mr. Hsu is reluctant to complain.

Forestry and Brigands.

One of the reasons why the Kuomintang District Committee at Hsueh, Southern Kwangtung, is anxious to develop the forests, according to their own accounts, is that some 5,000 or more bandits are now making the forest their stronghold and that a proper working of the woodlands will drive the outlaws away.

On February 15th there were further rumours of the capture of Shanghai, but many have failed to display the fire-crackers and the Red flag as requested.

General Huang Shao Hung, chief militairist of Kwangsi, is again reported indisposed and coming to Canton for treatment.

Kuomintang and Buddhists.

The Kuomintang Executive Committee of Kwangtung has recommended the confiscation of all nunneries and setting all nuns free of their vows. Buddhists, however, deny the right of the Kuomintang to dissolve nuns of their vows. Some of the nuns were probably admitted as young girls against their will and at the request of their parents but the abolition of the system as a whole is resented by Kuomintang opponents.

Canton Telephone Exchange is still holding up the service to Shamen, intimating that the service will be restored only upon the Shamen people paying all the arrears. The Shamen people are refusing to pay for the time during the anti-British boycott and strikes, when there was no service.

According to a Kuomintang news agency report, the Kuomintang is not giving up its plan to invade Yunnan.

Labour Troubles Settled.

Owing to a dispute among themselves, the stevedores and the boatmen near the Customs House in Canton suspended service, and all importers in Canton have suffered. The stevedores are preventing non-union men working while they themselves are refusing service.

A later message states that the strike is ended and no difficulties need be feared by Hong Kong merchants who ship goods to Canton.

After a strike of nearly three months, the servants of hotels in Canton have been back at work since February 10th, and many hotels are now able to resume business.

Charge coolies working along the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway are asking for an increase of pay by 70 per cent.

Some 267 cases of small-pox have been reported in Canton during the first 10 days of the Chinese New Year.

THE CREW OF THE "TAISHAN."**RETICENT ABOUT A RECEPTION.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Chinese Seamen's Union in Canton has been informed that the Hong Kong Police Authorities on February 11th returned the picture of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, one of the articles seized from the crew's quarters of the s.s. *Taihan* on January 19th.

It is understood that the crew of the s.s. *Taihan* will celebrate the "victory" by giving a reception on board the steamer at Hong Kong next Saturday evening. The seamen have, however, been reticent about the celebration, and declare that it is only to celebrate the inauguration of a branch union among the crew of the *Taihan*.

HONG KONG LABOUR DELEGATES IN CANTON.**MANY LONG SPEECHES.**

The 400 Chinese workers' delegates from Hong Kong attending a conference under the auspices of Kuomintang in Canton during the week ending February 13th, have returned to Hong Kong. Before their departure they were given a reception by the Overseas Division of the Kuomintang Party.

According to a Kuomintang news agency, the Overseas Division of the Kuomintang were hosts at a reception given to the delegates on February 13th, and the speeches lasted from 10 o'clock in the morning to 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Among those who replied to the speeches on behalf of the delegates were a Miss Wen Chi Yi, who represented the workers in the Straits Settlements. All the speakers called for the immediate surrender of all Concessions.

MUDFORD-ON-SEA.**FIRST MEETING OF COUNCIL TO-NIGHT.****INTERESTING DEBATE ARRANGED.**

This evening the first meeting, after the elections, to the Mudford Town Council takes place under the auspices of the Literary and Debating Society of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon. The meeting will be held in the Lounge, and commences at nine o'clock.

The Mayor (Alderman, the Rev. J. Horace Johnstone) will preside, and a very interesting debate has been arranged.

Messrs. Munn and Long, who were returned at the head of the poll, have promised to maintain the standard of humour which characterised the meetings of the Socialists throughout the election campaign.

A convenient method has been found of disposing of thoroughly businesslike lines of the schemes which, although they formed the basis of the election, have already been done full justice to.

The public is cordially invited to attend the proceedings which will be quite short and in which full opportunities will be given for the ventilation of the wit which was such a happy feature of the election.

ARREST OF UNION OFFICIALS.**POLICE COURT SEQUEL.****POSSESSION OF SEDITIOUS MATTER?**

As announced in the *Daily Press* yesterday, three Chinese officials of the Chinese Seamen's Union were arrested on board the s.s. *President Taft* in Hong Kong.

These men appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning charged with being in possession of seditious pamphlets.

Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence) prosecuted, and applied for a short remand, in order that the translation of the documents seized might be completed at the office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

His Worship accordingly remanded the defendants until noon to-day.

CORRESPONDENCE.**PUBLIC HEALTH VERSUS CESSPOOLS.**

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Your correspondent "Salus Populi Suprema Lex" article is very illuminative, but being at a loss to understand how the cesspools removed 200 yards as advocated by the M.O.H. from the residential district would cease to be noisome, since the penetrating smell and sickening odours are evolved at the moment of the distribution of liquified human excreta over the vegetable gardens, which now extend almost to the doorsteps of the Kowloon Tong residents, I consulted a friend of mine. This is the Medico's explanation, which I venture to make public with the hope of allaying the fears of the residents of the Garden City of Kowloon Tong:—The germs of typhoid and dysentery having to travel 200 yards from their headquarters (the cesspools) before they are spread over the vegetables, get exhausted and lose their virulence. The house-fly transfers these attenuated germs to the food and drink which ingested by the residents act as vaccines and thus prevent the outbreaks of those dreaded diseases. But, if inadvertently, the domestic fly now transformed from the worst enemy to a good Samaritan, instead of these prophylactic doses, administers a lethal (toxic) dose—one has always our Water Supply to blame!—Yours, etc.,

PRO-HYGIENE.

Hong Kong, February 16th, 1927.

KOWLOON TONG SQUATTERS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Mr. Braga's letter in the last issue of your paper answers partly the question raised by me. We know that Mr. Wong Kwong Tin's strong point against the withdrawal of permits to new squatters was their genealogical tree and the fear of an outbreak of famine; Mr. Cressy's *Piece de resistance* was conservatism. But what about the "unavailable" arguments of the other two distinguished members of the Sanitary Board? The public have a right to know, and, knowing, bow their heads and say "Magister dixit."

Does Mr. Braga's silence mean that they were led like sheep to the slaughter house, or did they say, in spite of the arguments: "Come one, come all. This rock shall fly as soon as I."

Yours, etc.,

SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX.

Hong Kong, February 16th.

THE "MAGIC CUP."**ITALIAN CONVENT GIRLS PRESENT INTERESTING PLAY.**

"Magic Cup," an operetta in two parts which was so successfully given by the girls of the Italian Convent at their annual Prize Day held on the 10th inst., was repeated yesterday evening before a large and appreciative audience.

In part one of this pretty little fairy play, the scene of the story was laid on an island in the Caribbean Sea, peopled by wrecked emigrants. These ship-wrecked population worked very hard to make the island habitable, and their industry was rewarded by the fairies who presented the leader with a Magic Cup. After must feasting and rejoicing the Magic Cup was stolen by the Fairy Queen in order to assist the Princess Mabel in her love affair with the son of an English Naval Officer.

Part two, or the concluding part, as often the case with all stage plays, the young lovers found peace and happiness after a stormy twelve months. Miss A. Silico, in the part of Princess Mabel, played her rôle admirably and all the young ladies in the cast acquitted themselves well and were loudly applauded.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.**USEFUL YEAR'S WORK.****THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**

The seventh annual general meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on Monday, February 21st, 1927, at 6 p.m., when the report and accounts for 1926 will be presented, officers and committee elected and "any other business" discussed.

THE REPORT.

The society has had a busy and successful year's work which is reflected in the annual report of the General Committee from which we give the following extracts:—

The Committee in presenting its desires to call attention to the comprehensive nature of the work. The report commences with the residences—the question of rent, cleansing of servants' quarters, telephone service, etc.—then deals with the traffic of the streets under various aspects and the Ferry service. Education is not forgotten, nor health and recreation in the matter of playgrounds, Band Concerts and bathing facilities, as well as Dispensary and Hospital. A reference to the Kowloon Cemeteries adds a touch of completeness to the survey! But, in addition to these wider issues, a number of minor grievances have been taken up in response to the appeals of individual members, and some of these are also mentioned.

Rents Ordinance.

This year the Government announced its intention to allow the Rents Ordinance, which had been in operation under various forms for 5 years, to lapse on the 30th June. A referendum, of the members was taken and, as 81 per cent. of the responses were in favour of an appeal to the Government to continue the Ordinance in operation, a petition was sent forthwith. The Rents Ordinance was not renewed, and the Committee, after receiving a number of complaints concerning increased rents, appealed to the Government to institute a "Fair Rents Board." The Government finally wrote to say that it was not prepared to interfere, as it considered that time must be given to allow rents to find their proper economic level.

Telephone Service.

Complaints having been received of the telephone service in Kowloon, a Sub-Committee was elected to deal with the matter, and inquiry was made into the operation of the whole system, and the attention of the Company called to certain features which appeared unsatisfactory.

The Company, has given a general assurance "that all that can reasonably and practically be done to effect both immediate and ultimate improvements and extensions is being done."

As regards faults in the Telephone Service, the Committee remind their members that the Company have a system, whereby all faults in the operation may be traced to their proper cause, if the complaint is telephoned immediately to the Clerk-in-charge and afterwards confirmed in writing to the Manager.

Kowloon Traffic.

Coming to questions of traffic, the first matter dealt with was the decision of Government to postpone completion of the work at the dangerous corner by the Peking Theatre, at the junction of Nathan and Gascoigne Roads. The Committee added their strong protest to others, and the work was resumed.

Improvements in the Bus Service are gradually being carried out along the lines of the recommendations made in 1924 by the K.R.A. The system of fixed stopping-places has been put into force, and the use of a sign to indicate a "Full Bus" is being adopted.

An effort was made to secure a system of monthly tickets available for all buses. The three Companies accordingly prepared a scheme, but one so impracticable that it was not worth discussing.

Knowing that the question of improving the Star Ferry Approach was before the Government, the Committee resolved to ask the Government to acquiesce the K.R.A. with the outline of the proposed scheme before it was finally agreed upon. At the same time a Sub-Committee was formed to scrutinise any plans which the Government might see fit to send. The Sub-Committee worked out a plan independently and it has been forwarded to the Government.

The Star Ferry Company sent a copy of their projected plan for the improvement of the Hong Kong wharf for the consideration of the Committee. A Sub-Committee was formed to deal with it, and all the suggested improvements and met with the cordial approval of the Committee.

Representation On Education Board.

Kowloon residents are still represented on the Education Board, the Rev. G. Reginald Lindsay, M.A., having been appointed, on the recommendation of the Committee, to take the place of Mr. Wylie, who went home on furlough.

Children's Playground.

In connection with the Children's Playground a set of rules was submitted by the Police Department and certain modifications suggested by the Committee.

The Committee regrets the slow negotiations for the extension of the Playground to part of the fields near Holt's Wharf. Railway material obstructing the ground has kindly been removed by the Railway Company but other work has been delayed.

Application was made for a recreation ground for Chinese youths on vacant ground on the South side of Argyle Street. The Government replied that part of the ground has been allocated for that purpose.

Bathing Facilities.

As the question of Bathing Facilities in the Colony was before the Government, the Committee appointed a Sub-Committee to report on behalf of Kowloon, and a number of suggestions were forwarded to the Government for improvement of facilities at Castle Peak, and the opening of a bathing beach at Tai Wan.

Kowloon Hospital.

In connection with the Kowloon Hospital an incident occurred which gave the Committee another opportunity to plead with the Government to allow patients to be attended by their own Medical Practitioners if they so desire. In this way, although the Government declined to alter its decision, it is kept in mind of the wish of residents and its own original intention.

Various Grievances.

The Committee has dealt the noisy cries of hawkers in a district where they are forbidden, the barking of the dogs in the Dogs' Home, the interference with telephone wires by promiscuous kite-flying the want of a telephone connection with Mong-kok-tai Police Station, the congregation of Amahs under the verandahs in Nathan Road, etc. The Committee take this opportunity of thanking the Captain Superintendent of the Police for his response to its appeal.

Publicity.

Thanks are due to the Press of Hong Kong for sympathetic references to the work of the K.R.A. The Committee also thank the Star Ferry Company for allocating space for K.R.A. announcements in one of their framed Notice-Boards and for consenting to keep Membership forms in their Office.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's report stated that the total collected from members was \$538.00.

There were 284 members on the 31st December, of whom 18 have not yet paid their subscription for 1926. The amount received from the Bank in respect to our investment on Fixed Deposit was \$20.02.

The total expenditure was \$292.48, as against \$278.00 in 1925. Altogether 775 copies of the Report were posted. The result of the propaganda was fairly good, 22 new members being enrolled.

It was decided to discontinue renting a Post Office Letter Box for 1927, as it was found to be very little availed of by members.

The Balance at hand on the 31st December, 1926, was \$774.95, made up as follows:—

\$700.00 on Fixed Deposit with Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

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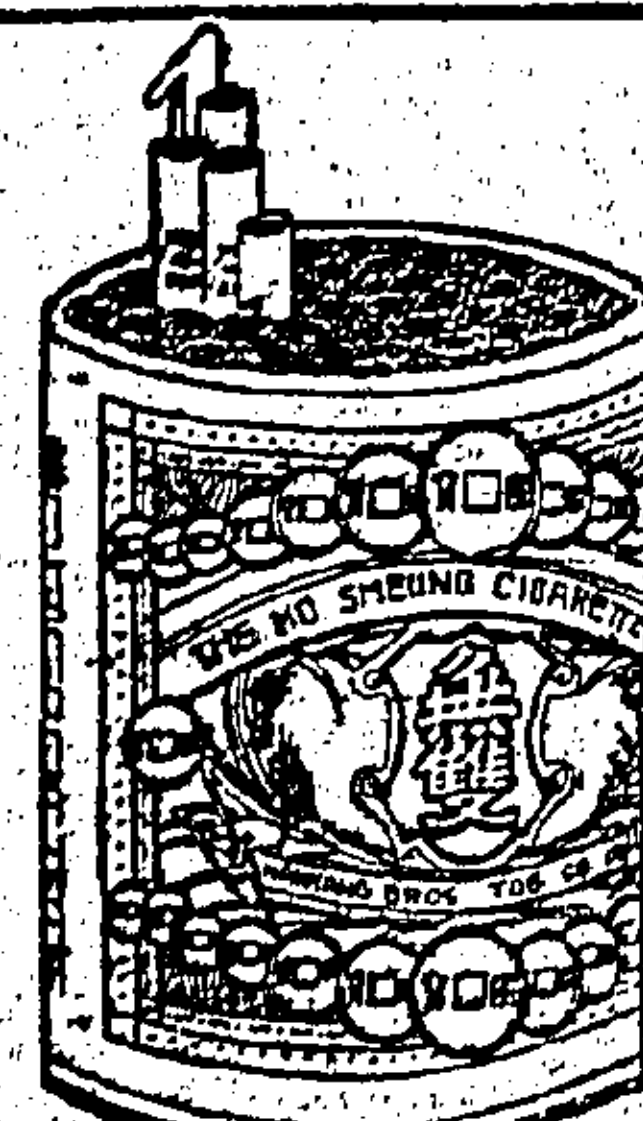
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on MONDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1927, at 6 p.m.

Business:—Adoption of Report and Accounts for the Year 1926. Election of Officers and Committee for 1927.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The presence at the Meeting of all interested in the welfare of Kowloon is solicited and expected, whether they are Members of the Association or not.

F. W. STAPLETON,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, February 16th, 1927. [4567]

U. S. R. C. NOTICE.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

ALL ROUNDS UP TO AND INCLUDING THE SEMI-FINALS are to be completed on or before **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27th.**

The **FINALS** will be played on **THURSDAY, 2nd MARCH**, when the Annual "AT HOME" will be held.

G. F. CHARLES, Capt.
Hon. Secretary.
U.S.R.C.
[4569]

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

COMPETITORS IN THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES AND DOUBLES are requested to make a Note of the Date Fixed for Each Match.

A List of Dates and Matches is posted in the **PATAGON**.

The Dates Fixed will be strictly adhered to, subject only to Weather Conditions. [4568]

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

WITH Reference to the **NOTICE** to **SHAREHOLDERS** of this Company dated 17th September, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per Share on the New Shares was made Payable on 1st MARCH, 1927, instead of 1st October, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the Time for Payment of the Call.

NOTICE IS ACCORDINGLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Date for Payment of the Final Call is **POSTPONED** to 30th JUNE, 1927, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the Date named therein were the 30th JUNE, 1927.

For **THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.**
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 16th February, 1927. [4570]

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LIMITED.

THE INAUGURAL RACE MEETING.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ABOVE CLUB WILL BE HELD AT ABERIA PRETA

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, 19th and 20th FEBRUARY, 1927.

FIRST DAY:—
First Saddle Race at 1.30 p.m.
SECOND DAY:—
First Saddle Race at 12.00 Noon.

MADAME DE SOUSA BARBOSA has kindly consented to perform the **OPENING CEREMONY** at 12.00 Noon.

Refreshment and Tea obtainable at the Course.
Special Bus Services between WYK and the Race Course.

By Order,
GEO. OHENG,
Clerk of the Course.
Macao, 16th February, 1927. [4565]

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

SCHOOL WILL REOPEN ON FEBRUARY 19th.
Entrance Examination for New Students on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th**, at 9 a.m.

For Prospectus, for Boarders and Day-boys, apply—
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4510 Prospect Place.

LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

A LANGUAGE SCHOOL for Teaching the Cantonese dialect has been started at the **UNIVERSITY**. Teaching is given **DAILY** (except Sundays) from 9 a.m. till Noon. Fees for the Current Year are Three Hundred Dollars. Two Hundred payable on Entrance and One Hundred Dollars in September. Fees include Personal Instruction within the Hours named.

If Classes are desired at Other Hours Application should be made to the **REV. H. B. WELLS** at the **UNIVERSITY**. Classes held in the Evening may be charged at a Higher Rate.
REGISTRAR,
UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.
11th February, 1927. [4563]

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Voeux Road, on **TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927,** at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from **WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1927,** to **TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927,** both days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927. [4486]

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. JALINDE, MATTHEW & CO., LTD., on **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1927,** at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1927,** to **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1927,** both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPPELL,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, February 5th, 1927. [4515]

BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 10, Des Voeux Road, on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1927,** at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1926.

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from **TUESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1927,** to **SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1927,** (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th February, 1927. [4548]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** of this Corporation will be held at **CITY HALL, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1927,** at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1926.

The **REGISTER OF SHARES** of the Corporation will be **CLOSED** from **MONDAY, the 14th FEBRUARY, 1927,** to **SATURDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1927,** (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. FARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927. [4524]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JALINDE, MATTHEW & CO., LTD., Hong Kong, on **SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1927,** at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from 21st FEBRUARY to 25th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Ltd.
Agents.
Hong Kong, 12th February, 1927. [4564]

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED,** will be held at the Office of Messrs. JALINDE, MATTHEW & CO., LTD., Hong Kong, on **MONDAY, the 7th DAY OF MARCH, 1927,** at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the **REGISTER OF MEMBERS** of the Company will be **CLOSED** from **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd,** to **MONDAY, 7th MARCH, 1927,** Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th February, 1927. [4562]

INTIMATIONS.

INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LIMITED.

ENTRY FORMS may be had from **Mrs. LESTER & DAVIES**, By kind permission of the Stewards of the **HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB**, Members of that Club are cordially invited to take part in our **INAUGURAL RACE MEETING** which is to be held on **19th and 20th FEBRUARY**. Transhipment and Accommodation of **FORDS** can be arranged with the **SECRETARY** of this Club.
Macao, 7th February, 1927. [4533]

BY ORDER OF THE FIRST MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at **VICTORIA** in the Colony of Hong Kong and registered at the Land Office as **SECTION 42 OF MARINE LOT No. 53**, Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Buildings and Land Buildings thereon known as **No. 142, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL**.

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The Proportion of ANNUAL CHOWN RENT:—\$16.00;
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Mrs. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer,
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No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET, HONG KONG;

WEDNESDAY,
THE 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1927,
At 3 o'clock p.m.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to—
Messrs. GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & Co.,
First Mortgagee's Solicitors,
St. George's Building,
Chater Road.

OR TO:—
Mrs. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,
Auctioneer,
No. 4, DUNDRELL STREET.
Dated the 9th day of February, 1927. [4533]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES

Situate at **VICTORIA** in the Colony of Hong Kong and registered at the Land Office respectively as the **REMAINING PORTION OF INLAND LOT No. 431** and the **REMAINING PORTION OF MARINE LOT No. 117**, Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Buildings and Land Buildings thereon respectively known as **Nos. 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22, TAI WO STREET.**

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St. George's Building,
Chater Road.

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Dated the 11th day of February, 1927. [4545]

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INTIMATIONS.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Office of the **O.C. R.A.S.C. HEADQUARTERS OFFICERS, VICTORIA BUILDINGS, HONG KONG,** until **12 o'clock Noon** on the Date stated for the undermentioned service for a Period of Six Months commencing 25th FEBRUARY, 1927.

M. T. VEHICLES.

Tender Forms and any necessary Information may be obtained at the above Office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Daily, except Sunday, 24th February, 1927. [4562]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1927.

25th FEBRUARY, 1st, 2nd & 5th MARCH.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' BADGES of **ADMISSION** to the **CLUB** may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them from **Messrs. LESTER & DAVIES, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS,** on or before **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th, 1927,** at Cost of \$10.00 Each Per Day or \$20.00 for the Meeting.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4.00 Per Day. Each Member can obtain upon application to the **SECRETARY**, Badges for the Admission of Two Ladies Free of Charge. On no pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the First Three Days Racing.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure: Price \$3.00 Per Day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from **Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LTD.** or at the Gate.

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Passes for Servants will be issued on application to **Messrs. LESTER & DAVIES, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.**

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Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their Employers' Hands. Any Servant found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
[4559]

NOTICE.

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Hong Kong, January 15th, 1927. [4441]

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Share Certificates:

No.	Quantity	No. of Shares	Share Nos.	Issued on
3176	50	11651/31700	197/1916	
4641	50	118764/118813	1/3/1920	
5101	20	142261/142320	12/4/1920	
5102	20	142321/142380	"	
5103	20	142381/142440	"	
5104	20	142441/142500	"	
5105	20	142501/142560	"	
5106	50	27-923/27-9715	1/7/1922	

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Hong Kong, 8th February, 1927. [4631]

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FAMILY LIFE IN CHINA.

It is difficult, in these days of turmoil, to estimate to what extent the new ideas imported into China during the last fifty years have affected family life. The old system of state examinations and public education was swept away with the Manchu dynasty. How much of the old tradition has remained in the homes of the people? We know that in many towns and villages teachers still expound the philosophy associated with the names of Confucius and Mencius and it is noticeable that wealthy Chinese, who have made fortunes overseas, are ready to subscribe to projects for the cultivation of knowledge of the Chinese classics. European sinologists who claim to know the Chinese people as a result of their studies and long residence in the Far East are invariably anxious lest the study of the classics be neglected in the schools of the treaty ports and as our readers are aware the local University has recently launched a Faculty of Chinese Studies. This scheme was inspired by Sir Cecil Clementi and has been financed up to the present by Chinese in the Straits Settlements. Are the Chinese generally, however, anxious that their old system of family life shall be preserved? Ancestor worship is still the cult

of the deference which should be shown to their whims and fancies. It is perhaps natural in view of the fact that the constitution of the Court has been changed so recently. But why not humour them? It costs nothing and the Shanghai Bar, as far as we can see, would lose nothing in dignity. It is the wrong handling of small matters such as this that leads so often to regrettable friction between different nationalities.

On Tuesday two Chinese cases of small-pox, one Chinese case of diphtheria and one British case of enteric fever were notified.

Yesterday, according to the old Chinese calendar, was the Feast of Lanterns (*Shang Yuan Chieh*). Saturday is rain water festival (*Ty Shui*).

A six-year-old Chinese boy was killed through being knocked down by a tram-car at the Praya East, on Tuesday. The remains were taken to the Mortuary.

Five of the six Chinese Roman Catholic Bishops, recently consecrated by the Pontiff at St. Peter's, Rome, arrived in the Colony on the M.M. s.s. *Portofino* yesterday.

The Rev. J. H. Johnston will conduct the Bible Study Circle at the Helena May Institute on Fridays 10.30 a.m. for four weeks commencing on February 18th.—Advtd.

On Monday evening the *On Lee* left Hong Kong for Kowloon. When she had reached harbour limits (near Capusimun), engine trouble developed and she returned to the wharf for repairs.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Arthur Henry Mills, master mariner, c/o Butterfield & Swire, and Miss Edith Gillespie, residing at No. 38, Edward Street, North Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Mr. Ko Leong Hoe, Managing Director of The Ho Hong Bank, Ltd., Hong Kong, left yesterday for Shanghai by the *Empress of Russia* to attend the formal opening of the Bank's new branch there which has been arranged to take place on the 23rd instant.

A small outbreak of fire was caused last night shortly after eight o'clock by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp at No. 8, Cochrane Street. Three appliances from Central and Wanchai stations promptly responded to the call, and the fire was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

The seventh annual meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association is to be held next Monday evening, at six o'clock, at the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon. The agenda is to adopt the report and accounts for the year 1926, to elect officers and committee for 1927, and to transact any other business which may come before the meeting.

A dance for members and subscribers of the Peak Club, is to be held on Saturday, March 12th, at 9.15 p.m. Tickets, 22 per person, can be obtained from the No. 1 Boy of the Club, who will also supply programmes if required, but instructions have been given that no programmes are to be given without a corresponding number of tickets.

PROPERTY SALE.
DES VOEUX ROAD BUILDINGS SOLD.
At the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa sold, by order of the mortgagee, leasehold properties at No. 23A, Des Voeux Road, Central, and 11, Wing On Street.
The premises at Des Voeux Road are held for the term of 99 years from June 24th, 1855.
The annual Crown rental is \$22, and the area is 1,069 square feet.
The premises at Wing On Street are held for term of 99 years from June 24th, 1842. The annual Crown rental is \$8, and the area is 401 square feet.
The upset price was \$35,000 for the two properties, with bids of \$1,000 acceptable. Bidding progressed by stages of \$1,000 until the sum of \$23,000 was reached, and from there on bids of \$500 were accepted. The properties were eventually knocked down to Mr. Wong for \$112,500.

natural result. It does not seem probable that there will be any great diminution in the birth-rate of China during our generation but there is a great probability of a considerable decrease in the death-rate. A spread of knowledge concerning the prevention and cure of disease will inevitably have this effect. In Korea the death rate has fallen rapidly as a result of the sanitary measures introduced by the Japanese administration. The death rate for England and Wales last year was 11.6 per 1,000. No one can estimate the figures for China, but they are probably four times as high as this. Dr. EDWARD ROSS, Professor of Sociology in the University of Wisconsin, states that the present fecundity of the Chinese is "from fifty to sixty per thousand." In England and Wales last year the birth-rate was 17.8 per 1,000. Experienced observers, such as Mr. J. O. P. Bland, have expressed the opinion that the real cause of the constant turmoil in China is the excess population. Brigandage, piracy and civil war, they say, is due to the fact that starvation seems to be the only alternative for those who fight for a pittance.

It is difficult to see how a birth rate three times as high as that of Anglo-Saxon countries can be maintained in the face of a steadily diminishing death rate due to the gradual adoption of modern hygienic measures, without intensifying the already bitter struggle against poverty. It seems therefore that the old ideas concerning large families in China must be modified as time goes on. The desire of the Chinese male for offspring will probably not vanish suddenly but the spread of knowledge regarding medical matters and the education of women will affect the problem.

Ancestor worship and its inevitable result which in Moslem phraseology is "be fruitful and multiply" is, of course, only one portion of Confucian philosophy. Perhaps that will be modified or eliminated and the rest be accepted as a permanent portion of the new civilisation which may come out of the present pains.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the report that a British lawyer was refused a hearing in the Mixed Court, Shanghai, because he was not wearing the Chinese gown and silk prescribed by the Court. It appears that British practitioners must not wear the gowns used in British Courts in any Court which are not British, and they are prevented by their own Bar Association from donning the gown required by a foreign Court. Therefore, if the ruling of Judge Zia at Shanghai stands no British barrister or solicitor will be able to appear at the Mixed Court in future. It all seems a little ridiculous to the layman who will express the fervent hope that such minor matters of etiquette for no question of principle appears to be involved—will be adjusted amicably.

The question, we understand, is one that concerns the Bar Association at Shanghai only. It is within their competence to make any regulations they think fit in the interests of their own members. If one of the regulations which they have passed offends the judges now presiding at the Mixed Court the simplest plan would be for them to rescind it. In some Courts at Home barristers have been severely reprimanded for appearing without their wigs; in others, on a sultry afternoon in summer, they have been invited to remove them for the sake of comfort. The Chinese judges in Shanghai may possibly have an exaggerated idea

of the deference which should be shown to their whims and fancies. It is perhaps natural in view of the fact that the constitution of the Court has been changed so recently. But why not humour them? It costs nothing and the Shanghai Bar, as far as we can see, would lose nothing in dignity. It is the wrong handling of small matters such as this that leads so often to regrettable friction between different nationalities.

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THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

NOTHING OFFICIAL YET REGARDING THE HANKOW NEGOTIATIONS.

IMPORTANT MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN NORTH CHINA.

HANGCHOW AND NINGPO THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SOUTHERN FORCES.

THE FENGTIENESE CONCENTRATING IN HONAN.

ANOTHER STATEMENT BY THE BRITISH COLONIAL SECRETARY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 16th.—“We have no thought of waging war in China or on China” declared Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a speech at Walthamstow Conservative Club. Referring to the Government's policy in sending troops to Shanghai, he said that he was confident that the action had contributed to the preservation of peace. The very fact that the men were there would make it unnecessary for them to fire a shot in anger. It was only because we realised what had happened at Hankow and Kiukiang that the troops had been sent to Shanghai.

SIR ALFRED MOND AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

“BEST BUSINESS BRAINS OF THE COUNTRY” NOT CONSULTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 16th.—Sir Alfred Mond, speaking before the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, said that the Chambers of Commerce represented the best business brains of the country, but that neither on the question of Russia nor China had their representatives been asked to go to the Foreign Office. Sir Alfred Mond declared that there was no country he knew of where the views of businessmen were so little regarded as at Whitehall. He pleaded for an organised movement by the Chambers of Commerce to spread their views on the Chinese question.

THE MILITARY SITUATION IN CHEKIANG.

RAPID AND UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, February 16th.—There are indications of a somewhat rapid and unexpected development of the military situation in Chekiang. The Southern claim to have captured Chuchow, 45 miles to the south-west of Hangchow. Well-informed quarters here believe that this report also indicates that a Southern offensive is developing in the same region.

SPREADING TO NINGPO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16th.—All steamers plying between Ningpo and Shanghai, it is reported at Hangchow, suspended their scheduled running on the 16th inst. It is believed that the fighting in Chekiang is spreading to Ningpo.

THE SITUATION AT HANGCHOW.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16th.—Telegraphic communication between Hangchow and Shuihui has been cut off. It is believed that the city of Hangchow is in a serious position.

THE FIGHTING AT TUNGLO.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16th.—It is reported that the Southern forces have been considerably reinforced by General Ho Ying Yam's troops. The Kuomintang general, Pak Sung Chi, is directing military action in the most serious fighting now continuing in the vicinity of Tunglo, situated on the Taitang River, which has been largely favourable to the Southern.

THE NORTHERN ARMY'S GENERAL ATTACK.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16th.—A report from Hangchow states that after an order for the general attack on the Southern by Marshal Sun Chuen Fang, in the Chekiang war area, the troops of General Chang Chao Yuet, his supporter, moved in three directions towards Chuchow, some 100 miles south of Hangchow and Fanchui, south-west of Hangchow.

JAPAN'S DISASTROUS SNOW STORMS.

OFFICIAL FIGURES OF THE RECENT MISFORTUNES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, February 16th.—The official figures are 168 killed, 55 injured and 29 missing as the result of the snow storms in the North-West of Japan. The main train services have been resumed, but it will require a week before all are re-opened. The expenditure needed for repairing and clearing the railway alone exceeds yen 2,000,000.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

[NAVAL WIRELESS REPORTS.]

The Hankow Negotiations. HANKOW, Feb. 15th.—The negotiations between Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. O. St. C. O'Malley are still in abeyance. The situation in the city is unchanged.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

No Official News in London.

LONDON, Feb. 15th.—Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked in the House of Commons whether the report that the negotiations at Hankow had broken down was well-founded.

He replied that he had, as yet, received no official report to this effect.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A NEW SITUATION CREATED.

HANKOW, Feb. 15th.—Mr. O'Malley stated this morning that Mr. Eugene Chen yesterday made a series of statements, partly referring to Sir Austen Chamberlain's recent speech, partly about the agreement and partly about the assurances.

The effect of these statements was to create a new situation; and the agreement was not signed because he (Mr. O'Malley) thought it necessary to put the fresh situation before Sir Austen Chamberlain in order to enable the latter to decide what should be done about the agreement.

Meanwhile, Mr. O'Malley will remain at Hankow and await further instructions.

Labour Strike Threat.

ICHANG, Feb. 15th.—The situation generally is quiet, but the Labour Union have threatened to institute an anti-British labour strike if the impossible demands of the godown men are not met.

Further troops movements down river are reported.

Fighting at Shai.

SHAI, Feb. 15th.—Fighting broke out to-day between two divisions, one of which attempted to loot Shai. [It is not clear from the message what troops are involved in this fighting.]

Italian Gunboat Incident.

KIUKIANG, Feb. 15th.—A Chinese gunboat attempted to search the Italian gunboat *Ermano Coriotti* which arrived here from Anking. The Chinese state that they believed the Italian vessel to be Russian.

Northern Troops Advance.

CHINKIANG, Feb. 15th.—The Northern troops are concentrating on the Anhui border, advancing from Kwangchow.

British Relief for River Gunboats.

LONDON, Feb. 15th.—The cruiser, H.M.S. *Yarmouth*, has left Portsmouth with 450 naval reliefs for river gunboats in China.

Port Said, Feb. 15th.

The cruiser *Danville* and the aircraft carrier *Argus* have arrived and are leaving for China on Wednesday.

“Magnetic” at Colombo.

COLOMBO, Feb. 15th.—The troopship *Magnetic* has arrived with General John Duncan, and also battalions of the Border Regiment, the Bedford's and Hertfordshires aboard.

It is expected that the ship will continue its journey to China on Wednesday.

THE SUFFOLKS.

Leaving Hong Kong To-day.

We understand that the 2nd Batt. Suffolk Regiment, which recently arrived here from Gibraltar, is to leave for Shanghai to-day.

The battalion will leave by the B.I. steamer *Yama*, which took the Gloucesters to Shanghai from here last Wednesday.

SINO-JAPANESE COMMERCIAL TREATY DISCUSSIONS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16th.—The discussions on the renewal of the Sino-Japanese Commercial Treaty were continued on the 15th inst. at Peking, with regard to the tariff question. The Japanese delegate proposed that “a mutual favour” agreement must be set up before discussion on the tariff could be entered upon. After long discussion Dr. Koo finally agreed to discuss the point at a meeting to be called on the 19th inst.

RECENT FIGHTING IN CHEKIANG.

SOUTHERNERS' PLAN TO GET HANGCHOW.

NOTABLE SUCCESS OF NORTHERNERS.

It is but a little while since it was believed by many well-informed people in China that it could be only a few days before the Cantonese troops would be in Shanghai, making way up through Chekiang Province by way of Hangchow, writes a N.C. Daily News correspondent. However, since the China New Year holidays the situation has taken a distinct turn for the worse as far as the Cantonese are concerned, and at least for the time being the province is likely to remain in the control of Marshal Sun Chuan Fang. His army is said to be more strongly entrenched and has a higher morale than at any time since the Cantonese started their push in this direction.

The drive of the Cantonese toward Yenchow, the base of supplies of Marshal Sun, has been the last desperate attempt of Chiang Kai Shek's army to break through to the provincial capital and they are now reported settled in the hills west of Chuchow near the Kiukiang border, waiting until another chance presents itself to come out.

Northern Encircling Move. The direct cause of their retreat may be found in the strategic move of the Northerners in sending General Bai Bao San with the 6th and 7th divisions, numbering about 15,000 men, down through Anhui in an encircling movement to cut off the Southern advance. This plan worked to perfection and during the first two or three days in February the Northerners fell on their enemy's lines of communication which had been formed from Chuchow to a point between Lanchi and Yenchow during the Cantonese successes of January 27th, 28th and 29th.

From the best reports to hand, there was very little fighting, the Northerners outnumbering the Cantonese overwhelmingly, since the Cantonese were strung out along a long line. Hasty retreat was the only avenue left for the Southern forces. The rapidity of their retreat points to the fact that they had only small forces in the vicinity.

Had the move of General Bai not been made, it seems very unlikely that the Cantonese would have been able to have gained their objective, Hangchow. They were attempting a frontal attack on Yenchow along the Chientang River which would probably have failed, since they were largely outnumbered, while Yenchow is one of the strongest garrisoned positions in the province.

Cantonese Supply Troubles. The Cantonese were further handicapped by the lack of supplies, it is said. Their base of supplies is some hundreds of miles away and everything has to be taken across country which is anything but easy to penetrate. Their only hope was to launch a quick attack against Marshal Sun's forces and take a chance of being immediately successful, capture the Chekiang base where there would be ammunition. This was what was attempted and failed.

It is estimated that in Chekiang Province to-day there are in the neighbourhood of 60,000 men under Marshal Sun's command, headed by Divisional Commander Mong Tsau Yuen, who was formerly commander of the 8th division of native forces. Though there are only vague reports in the vicinity of the war area, it is practically assured that they are outnumbered at least three to one.

Northern Threat to Anking. From reports coming in to Shanghai it is presumed that no attempt will be made at least for quite a time, to make another offensive. The movement of the forces of General Chang Tsung Chang toward Anking, capital of Anhui, on the Yangtze, seems to be worrying the Southerners considerably and they are undoubtedly needing all the troops available to offset this. This leaves none available to reinforce those pushing on Chekiang, leaving the whole situation more or less in a deadlock.

TIENTSIN AND THE SURTAX.

EFFECT OF JAPANESE OPPOSITION.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16th.—The imposition of the surtax is to start at Tientsin through the Custom House here. But the Japanese merchants still refuse to agree to the surtax, and consequently all Japanese goods now arriving at Tientsin are not being unloaded at present, pending a settlement.

THE HARBOUR STRIKE AT COLOMBO.

REPORTED AS SPREADING.

BUSINESS CONSIDERABLY DISLOCATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

COLOMBO, February 16th.—The harbour strike is spreading as the crane-men have now struck. Trade has been considerably affected, and several steamers have been advised not to call at Colombo, while others are leaving without landing part of their cargo.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN SOUTHERN EUROPE.

HEAVY DESTRUCTION POPULATION PANIC-STRIKEN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 16th.—The latest reports confirm the alarming nature of the earthquake, the deaths being estimated at several hundreds, due to the collapse of 1,000 houses in Bosnia, Herzegovina and Dalmatia.

There was heavy destruction at Ragusa, Cattaro, Spalato and Mostar, and the population is panic-stricken. There were most terrible scenes at Papov Polje, a row of houses being precipitated down the mountain side. The inhabitants perished in the ruins. The centre of the disturbance was apparently under the sea, throwing up large waves and compelling the Dalmatian coast dwellers to flee inland.

NICARAGUA'S WAR.

PREPARING FOR DECISIVE FIGHT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MANAGUA, Feb. 16th.—The rival Liberal and Conservative forces are preparing for a decisive fight for the possession of Matagalpa, the second most important town in Nicaragua.

The American Charge d'Affaires has advised Americans there to barricade their houses and await developments.

Further U.S. Action.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16th.—The Naval Department has ordered the transport *Henderson* to sail from Philadelphia to Guantanamo with 800 bluejackets for scouting with the Fleet. The transport's further orders depend upon developments in Nicaragua.

FRENCH BONDS.

NEW ISSUE QUICKLY COVERED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, February 15th.—A further step towards the consolidation of the French floating debt has been taken with the issue of four milliards of francs worth of 15-year seven per cent. Treasury Bonds, which was covered within a few hours. The issue is designed, firstly, to pay off two milliard francs of 1922 six per cent. Bonds falling due in September.

BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYED.

A FURTHER DECREASE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 15th.—The latest weekly return shows further decrease of 28,000 in the number of unemployed, the total being now 1,203,600. This is 123,600 more than a year ago.

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

EXTENSION OF TRANS-ATLANTIC SERVICE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUBEN, February 15th.—The Postmaster General states that the number of telephone calls made by the trans-Atlantic wireless service since its inauguration on January 7th is 328, of which 40 per cent. were out-going from England. The Postmaster-General announces that to-morrow the service will be available to and from the American States of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. These States, with others already admitted to the service, constitute a second American zone. On Thursday next, the service will be further extended to the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, which are in the third American zone.

KING FOG.

ENGLISH CHANNEL IN HIS GRIP.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUBEN, February 15th.—The fog, which has now beset the English Channel for five successive days, was so bad at noon to-day that all mail and passenger services between England and the Continent were suspended.

This is said to be the first time for 50 years that fog has obtained so complete a hold of the Channel which is enshrouded from coast to coast. Ships, not venturing to move, are anchored all over the channel, and air traffic is likewise suspended.

The King and Queen of the Belgians had intended to fly from London back to Brussels to-day but they have been unable to make the journey, either by air or sea, and will remain here until to-morrow.

JAPAN'S SORROW.

SYMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUBEN, February 15th.—In the House of Lords, the Earl of Birkenhead moved that an address be presented to H.M. the King, expressing deep regret at the death of the Emperor of Japan, and praying His Majesty to express to the present Emperor the profound sympathy of the House with the Imperial family, Government and people of Japan.

Lord Birkenhead said that the relations between ourselves and that other great land confronted by so many comparable problems had been too intimate to make it possible for us to pass by the moment of “national” mourning in Japan without making it plain that we intended, so far as we could, to share her griefs. Lord Birkenhead referred to the great and loyal part played by Japan as Britain's ally in the Great War.

Viscount Haldane, on behalf of the Labour Opposition, and Earl Beauchamp for the Liberal Party, supported the motion, which was agreed to.

A similar resolution has already been passed by the House of Commons.

HINDU-MOSLEM CLASH.

COMMUNAL RIOTING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, February 15th.—The *Times of India* reports serious communal rioting at Indore, five persons being killed and 19 injured.

A party of Hindu women were motoring from a religious ceremony and were attacked for allowing music in front of a Moslem mosque. Crowds of worshippers poured out of the building and pelted the offenders with stones and bricks. A mob followed the cars home, where millworkers awelled the crowd to 2,000. Outhouses were set on fire and police and cavalry were hurried to the scene. The position is uncertain.

DISARMAMENT.

M. BRIAND'S VIEWS OF PRES. COOLIDGE'S MEMORANDUM.

THE AUTHORITY OF THE LEAGUE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Feb. 15th.—M. Briand's reply to President Coolidge's Disarmament Memorandum is now ready to be laid this morning before the Council of Ministers.

It suggests that the United States should refer the propositions to the League of Nations which is entitled by its Covenant to deal with disarmament. France does not consider herself as having the right to hold a separate conference and deprive the League of Nations of its rights and thus deal a death-blow to Geneva's authority, which was necessary for the maintenance of world peace. It thinks a conference of five large Powers would eliminate other naval nations also interested. Disarmament must apply simultaneously to naval, military and aerial forces and must consider the geographical situation of the interested Powers.

French Draft Reply.

PARIS, Feb. 15th.—The Cabinet has approved of the draft reply to President Coolidge's disarmament proposals.

The contents are not disclosed but are understood to be tantamount to a refusal of the invitation, on the ground that the League of Nations, which has long been dealing with a comprehensive scheme for disarmament, is approaching a practical result.

Cabinet Approves.

PARIS, Feb. 15th.—The text of the French reply to President Coolidge's disarmament proposals recognises their “lofty aim and generous idealism,” but considers that they risk compromising the work already begun at Geneva, and that it is only there, under the aegis of the League, that they should be studied. It points out that the League has advanced several stages in the direction of the goal fixed by the Covenant. France, therefore, deprecates a special conference of five Powers when all the navies of the world are entitled to be associated with an agreement on the question of the limitation of light vessels.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

President Coolidge's Views.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16th.—It is announced that President Coolidge believes that his armaments proposal is the only practical means of accomplishing a reduction in armaments, particularly in the naval sphere. It is indicated at the White House that the President is strongly of opinion that no agreement on those points, particularly interesting to the major naval Powers, can be expected from a conference including nations not possessing naval forces of sufficient size to fall within the conference.

INQUEST SCENE AT CARDIFF.

STORY OF “CONFESSION” IN THE CELLS.

An alleged conversation between two prisoners awaiting trial in the prison cell, gave a dramatic turn at the inquest at Cardiff recently on Hilda Medd, wife of a seaman, Oswald Morris, a sister help, of Grange-town, who has been remanded on a charge of manslaughter, was present.

Evidence was given that Morris was a regular visitor to Mrs. Medd during the week before her death, and the police stated a baby's body was recovered from a garden.

A witness named Mrs. Ellen Bell faintly on being called, exclaiming that she could not face Morris. The coroner, Dr. Smith, ordered the man to move to the other side of the court.

Daniel Patrick Lyons, a prisoner undergoing sentence, said that while awaiting trial he occupied the same cell as Morris, and they had a long conversation about Mrs. Medd's death. He alleged that Morris admitted to him that he attended Mrs. Medd, and also that he had attended a number of other women and disposed of the bodies of the babies, either by burning, burying or throwing them into the River Taff. Morris protested to the coroner that Lyons was telling lies. The inquest was adjourned.

RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

On Tuesday morning Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson's ponies galloped, but the times were all on the slow side. Yesterday morning most of the owners came down to see their ponies perform. Those present included Colonel Comyn, Messrs. Hall, Shenton, White, Humphreys, Priestley, Sim, Peel, Jupp, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, and Ho Ki. Of course, Messrs. Dunbar, Pirie, Abbey and Ost never miss a morning and it is hoped that their virtue will meet with its proverbial reward at the annual meeting. It was dark when I arrived at the Course but I was nevertheless informed of the detailed times done by Canadian over 1 1/2 miles. The time given to me was good but as it was obviously impossible to see the different quarter mile posts one must be content to continue to regard Canadian as a "dark" horse. Chesapeake Bay did a half mile in 1.10, last quarter 23.4, which is pretty good going on the sand track. It is not easy to get any information regarding Mr. Roda's stable as his ponies are galloped at 9.30 when all diligent boys are in the school room. His best candidate for the Derby is *Democrat* which moves in an impressive manner. The latest sub to show distinct signs of improvement is *Loch Tunnel* which beat *The Orie* in a mile gallop. *Bing Boy* is also going well while *Pottersbush*, *Stanchenge* and *King Alan* continue to move along nicely. All the gallops yesterday were on the sand track and the going was heavyish. The following are a few of the times taken, namely:—

Grey Knight (Boy) 1 mile:—37; 1.13; 1.47; 2.32.4.
Brigade Unit (Boy) 1 1/2 miles:—34.4; 1.13.4; 1.49.4; 2.33.3; 2.53.4. Last quarter 32.1.
Common (Sokoloff) 1 1/2 miles:—34.2; 1.13.3; 1.47; 2.30; 2.54.2. Last quarter 34.2.
Empire of the Plains (Haimovitch) 1 1/2 miles:—43.9; 1.21; 2.01.4; 2.38.3; 3.12.1. Last quarter 32.3.
King of England (Haimovitch) 1 mile:—35; 1.14; 1.51.2; 2.22.1. Last quarter 33.3.
King of Troy (Haimovitch) 1 mile:—35.1. Last quarter 32.
Bill Brewer (Haimovitch) 1 1/2 miles:—36.4; 1.13; 1.53.4; 2.33; 3.05. Last quarter 32.
Pottersbush (Boy) 1 mile:—37; 1.06.4; 1.42.3; 2.14.2. Last quarter 31.4.
King Alan; *King Fern* (Boy) Last three quarters of one mile:—40; 1.16.2; 1.49.2. Last quarter 33.
The George and Vulture; *Sugar Loaf* (Boy) 1 mile:—38.2; 1.15; 1.47.3. Last quarter 32.3.
Golden Hall (Boy) 1 mile:—37; 1.13.2; 1.48.4; 2.22.1. Last quarter 33.2.
The Grig (Ralph); *Loch Tunnel* (Reidy) 1 mile:—38.4; 1.15.2; 1.55.2; 2.23.3. Last quarter 31.1.
Borderer (Boy); *Bayheera* (Boy) 1 mile:—37.1; 1.10.4; 1.42.4. Last quarter 32 with *Bayheera* winning easily.
Elliot Bay (Boy) 1 mile:—35.2; 1.11.1; 1.44.2; 2.15. Last quarter 30.3.
Bay of Fundy (Boy) 1 mile:—36.4; 1.10.1; 1.41.3. Last quarter 31.3.
Manila Bay (Boy) 1 mile:—38.2; 1.11.2. Last quarter 33.
Cavite Bay (Boy) 1 mile:—42.1; 1.14.1; 1.51.1; 2.27. Last quarter 33.4.
San Francisco Bay (Boy) 1 mile:—33.1; 1.05.1; 1.36.1. Last quarter 31.
The Gomer (Ralph):—37.2; 1.15; 1.51.1; 2.22.1. Last quarter 31.
The Gnome (Boy); *The Geeter* (Ralph) 1 mile:—37.2; 1.10.2; 1.44; 2.16.4. Last quarter 32.4.
Barley Grass (Boy) 1 mile:—40.3; 1.20.1; 1.55; 2.27. Last quarter 32.
Bright Eve (Boy) 1 mile:—33.4; 1.05.2. Last quarter 31.3.
Olo Custum (Boy) Last three quarters of one mile:—39; 1.08.1; 1.42.3. Last quarter 33.1.

Macao Meeting.

The International Race Club of Macao has sent invitations to all Owners and Jockeys here to participate in their inaugural meeting on the 18th and 20th instant. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paterson, Messrs. Dunbar, Stanton, Pirie, Reidy, Brodie, Rosa, Ralph if he can get away and many others are, I understand, going over on Saturday morning by the 9 o'clock boat. About eight ponies have been sent from here amongst them being *Regent*, *September*, *Sandpiper*, *Sandigo* and *Howth*. It is hoped that this meeting will be a success as no opportunity should be neglected to forge sporting links between neighbouring Colonies. Officials of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will, I feel sure, do all in their power to help, but it should be borne in mind that their standards are high as they are a purely sporting organization.

TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

FURTHER DRAWINGS.

HANDICAP EVENTS.

The drawings for the handicap events in connection with the annual lawn tennis tournament of the Hong Kong Cricket Club have been made, and are published below together with the handicaps for the respective players. These comprise "A" Classes, Handicap Doubles and the Mixed Doubles Handicap.

Last week the drawings for the three Championship events were published.

HANDICAP SINGLES "A."

First Quarter.

H. Owen Hughes (scr.) v. H. G. Sheldon (rec. 15.1).
 Major C. Willson (rec. 1/8) v. A. Pirie (rec. 15).
 R. W. Lee (rec. 15.2) v. C. C. Stark (rec. 3/8).
 Capt. E. G. Howard (scr.) v. Dr. J. R. Craig (rec. 1/8).

Second Quarter.

E. Grimbly (rec. 2/8) v. H. R. Remington (rec. 15.1).
 W. L. Dunbar (rec. 3/8) v. L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4/8).
 R. M. Henderson (owe 2/8) v. T. D. E. Pendered (rec. 4/8).
 W. B. Cornaby (scr.) v. F. T. Orr (rec. 5/8).

Third Quarter.

R. D. Evans (rec. 1/8) v. S. M. Garrard (rec. 4/8).
 Dr. W. L. Thomas (rec. 3/8) v. L. Forster (owe 5/8).
 H. J. Armstrong (rec. 4/8) v. A. B. Raworth (owe 4/8).
 Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/8) v. D. S. Green (rec. 3/8).

Fourth Quarter.

G. W. Sewell (owe 4/8) v. Major H. R. Edwards (rec. 1/8).
 G. S. Hugh Jones (rec. 15) v. C. Miskin (scr.).
 R. H. Valentine (rec. 4/8) v. Lt. E. H. J. Larkcomb (rec. 1/8).
 Capt. E. W. Morris (scr.) v. S. E. Green (owe 15.3).

HANDICAP SINGLES "B."

First Quarter.

C. L. Sandes, bye (owe 5/8) v. H. Graves, bye (owe 2/8) to meet in the second round.
 R. L. Moneriff (owe 3/8) v. A. K. Mackenzie (owe 15.1).
 J. R. Hinton (rec. 5/8) v. R. G. Wilkerson (rec. 15.1).

Second Quarter.

J. S. Kennedy (rec. 15) v. J. H. B. Nihill (scr.).
 C. W. E. Bishop (owe 15.3) v. A. H. Penn (rec. 2/8).
 P. E. Barker (owe 4/8) v. H. C. Macnamara (rec. 15.3).
 Major J. P. S. Greig (rec. 1/8) v. W. M. Lyons (owe 15.3).

Third Quarter.

H. Eldridge (rec. 15.1) v. T. Megary (owe 3/8).
 A. J. Hazland (rec. 2/8) v. H. V. Parker (owe 15).
 W. H. Coulson (scr.) v. A. O. I. Bowker (scr.).
 Lt. A. E. Barlow (rec. 15.1) v. M. M. Watson (rec. 15.1).

Fourth Quarter.

T. W. Southam (rec. 3/8) v. Lt. R. A. Love (rec. 1/8).
 R. H. Blake (scr.) to meet winner of former tie in second round.
 J. R. Collia (rec. 5/8), bye v. T. J. Price (owe 2/8), bye to meet in the second round.

HANDICAP DOUBLES.

First Quarter.

C. H. Eldridge and J. Hall (rec. 4/8), bye v. L. M. S. Lloyd and W. A. Nowers (rec. 2/8), bye.
 R. L. Moneriff and R. W. Lee (rec. 15.1), bye v. Major C. Willson and N. L. Smith (scr.), bye.
 J. N. Owen and E. E. Mimsch (rec. 15), bye v. W. H. Coulson and T. W. Southam (rec. 4/8), bye.
 S. E. Green and D. S. Green (owe 3/8), bye v. R. G. Wilkerson and N. C. Barber (rec. 15.1), bye.

Second Quarter.

Major H. R. Edwards and Major W. B. Stevenson (owe 1/8), bye, to meet winners of the following tie in the second round.
 Capt. E. W. Morris and Dr. R. E. Tottenham (owe 15.2) v. H. G. Sheldon and J. T. Prior (rec. 15).
 J. D. Humphreys and A. W. Hayward (rec. 2/8) v. C. Blaker and H. S. Hills (rec. 5/8).
 R. P. Moodie and H. V. Parker (owe 5/8) v. Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Sewell (owe 2/8).
 J. R. Hinton and C. D. Wales (rec. 15) v. T. D. E. Pendered and G. Miskin (scr.).
 M. M. Watson and Dr. J. C. Macgowan (rec. 15.2) v. H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard (rec. 3/8).

A. B. Raworth and T. H. King (owe 1/8) v. C. C. Stark and W. D. Brown (rec. 3/8).
 E. M. Henderson and A. Breen (owe 3/8) v. T. J. Price and E. R. Price (rec. 4/8).

(Continued on next column).

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

ADAMSON CUP.

Nine players took out cards in the February Qualifying Competition of the Adamson Cup.

P. Morrison qualified. His score being 85—22=73.

Other scores include:

A. E. Clarke.....80—24=75
 J. Laing.....91—14=77
 E. More.....95—19=80

LADIES' SECTION.

An interesting match was played on the Old Course at Fanling on Tuesday between teams of ten-a-side representing Scotland and Ireland combined and England and the Rest. The conditions were no handicap with 1 point for a win, Scotland and Ireland winning by 8 points to 2. Details are follows:

SCOTLAND AND IRELAND.

Mrs. Ratsey (3 and 1).....1
 Mrs. Gilmore (2 and 1).....1
 Mrs. Redmond (2 up).....1
 Mrs. Maitland.....0
 Mrs. Cassidy (2 and 1).....1
 Mrs. Parker (1 up).....1
 Mrs. Whyte-Smith (1 up).....1
 Mrs. Tottenham (4 and 3).....1
 Mrs. Murray.....1
 Mrs. Cameron (2 and 1).....1

ENGLAND AND THE REST.

Mrs. Lambert.....0
 Mrs. Rowley.....0
 Mrs. Sommerfeld.....0
 Mrs. Oliver (1 up).....1
 Mrs. Piercy.....0
 Mrs. Dyer.....0
 Mrs. Lewis.....0
 Mrs. Jones.....0
 Mrs. Dodwell (4 and 3).....1
 Mrs. Hornell.....0

Third Quarter.

W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 1/8) v. A. H. Crook and Dr. J. R. Craig (rec. 1/8).
 C. L. Sandes and H. Graves (rec. 15.3) v. G. S. Hugh Jones and E. L. Judd (rec. 3/8).
 P. E. Barber and J. S. Kennedy (rec. 15) v. H. R. Remington and H. E. Standage (rec. 5/8).
 J. R. Collia and Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15.2) v. E. Grimbly and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/8).
 N. J. Perrin and W. A. Weight (rec. 15) v. E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/8).

Fourth Quarter.

W. L. Dunbar and R. H. Blake (owe 1/8) v. H. C. Macnamara and E. S. C. Brookes (rec. 15.3).
 F. T. Orr and H. C. Burgess (rec. 15) v. Lt. D. Smith and Lt. H. L. C. Hall (rec. 15).
 J. H. Sutcliffe and R. A. Jardine (rec. 15.3), bye, to meet winners of the former tie in the second round.

Fifth Quarter.

A. E. Eagle and S. H. Langston (rec. 15.3), bye v. J. H. B. Nihill and B. D. Evans (scr.), bye.
 R. K. Valentine and Dr. D. J. Valentine (scr.), bye v. J. R. Wood and Hon. Mr. E. H. Hallifax (rec. 2/8), bye.

Sixth Quarter.

A. K. Mackenzie and A. C. I. Bowker (rec. 4/8), bye v. G. P. Lammert and F. T. Orr (rec. 15), bye.
 Capt. E. S. G. Howard and Lt. E. H. J. Larkcomb (owe 1/8) v. F. A. Redmond and L. Forster (owe 15.3).

MIXED DOUBLES.

First Quarter.

Major W. B. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson (rec. 3/8), bye v. Dr. J. R. Craig and Mrs. Craig (rec. 15), bye.
 I. M. S. Lloyd and Miss Bird (rec. 15.1), bye v. C. C. Stark and Mrs. Stark (rec. 5/8), bye.

Second Quarter.

Col. and Mrs. C. Russell Brown (rec. 5/8), bye v. Capt. E. W. Morris and Mrs. Walker (rec. 3/8), bye.
 H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Miller (rec. 15) v. Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (owe 15.3).
 Lt. Love and Miss Staple-Smith (rec. 15.2) v. J. D. Humphreys and Mrs. Hornell (rec. 15).

Third Quarter.

Capt. E. G. Howard and Miss Luard (owe 1/8) v. W. A. Nowers and Mrs. Remington (rec. 3/8).
 H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. M. Hall (owe 1/8) to meet winners of former tie in the second round.
 Lt. Smith and Mrs. Joll (rec. 5/8), bye v. A. J. Hazland and Miss Butcher (rec. 15.1), bye.

Fourth Quarter.

A. B. Raworth and Mrs. Raworth (rec. 15), bye v. E. Grimbly and Mrs. Grimbly (owe 1/8), bye.
 A. H. Crook and Mrs. Crook (rec. 15.3) v. E. J. R. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell (rec. 15).

HOCKEY.

CLUB LOSE FRIENDLY GAME.

Yesterday afternoon, the Hong Kong Hockey Club were defeated by the H.K.S.R.A. at the United Services Recreation Club Ground by three goals to two.

At half time the score stood at 1 nil against the Club, and in the second half, the Artillery piled up another two goals. The Club also scored two through Ballantyne and Lammert.

LAWN TENNIS.

U.S.R.C. TOURNAMENT.

The Annual "At Home" of the United Services Recreation Club will be held on the Club's grounds, Kowloon, on Thursday, March 3rd, when the current tennis tournament will be concluded. Only Finals will be played on that day. All ties including the semi-finals, are to be completed on or before Sunday, the 27th inst.

Of the ten events, all of which are reaching the concluding stages, only the Ladies Open Singles has reached the final at present. The finalists are Miss Robinson and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham who met last month at the Ladies' Recreation Club for the Open Singles Championship of the Colony for Ladies, which the former won by two sets to love, 6-3; 6-2.

BOXING.

IRON BUX—MORRIS MATCH OFF.

Stoker Norman Morris is still willing to box Iron Bux for the middleweight championship of the Colony and a side-stake of \$500, but he is prevented from accepting Bux's challenge.

Morris, however, is willing to meet any welterweight or middleweight in Hong Kong, with a side-stake if necessary, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Boxing Association.

Bux did well locally as a bantam and feather-weight before going to Manila where increasing weight has put him in the heavier classes.

Morris won the middleweight championship of the Colony and Mr. R. M. Byers' belt at the last tournament by knocking out his shipmate, Able Seaman Ewin.

A TEN-ROUND CONTEST.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Boston, February 15th.

In a ten-round contest, Johnny Vacca out-pointed Fidel La Barba. There was no title involved.

La Barba received a left hook to the jaw in the first round to be knocked off his feet for the first time in his career. He arose and had hardly staggered to his feet after a count of nine, when a right smash floored him for a count of five. He had just recovered his balance when a left hook returned him to the canvas for another nine. There was the wildest excitement, and only ring-craft saved him time and again as Vacca rocked him with terrific punches.

[It will be remembered that Fidel La Barba recently defeated Elky Clark, the European title-holder, in a ten-round contest for the Fly-weight Championship of the world.]

POLE JUMP.

NEW INDOOR RECORD.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, February 15th.

Sabin Carr, of Yale University, has broken the indoor pole-jump record, with 13 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

THE LEGITIMACY ACT.

YOUNG MOTHER'S APPLICATION UNDER NEW LAW.

A young woman asked Mr. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate, last month if she could have her child legitimized under the new Legitimacy Act, as since the child's birth she had married the father.

"To tell you the truth," replied Mr. Bingley, "I don't know if we have anything to do with the legitimacy of children."

The clerk said that the court had not received a copy of the new Act, and Mr. Bingley told the woman to renew her application in a week's time.

"The principal object of the Legitimacy Act, which came into force on January 1st, is the legitimation of illegitimate children by the subsequent marriage of the parents provided that the parents were, at the date of the birth of the child, legitimated from January 1st or from the marriage, whichever happens last, and the provisions are not, therefore, retrospective.

SHANGHAI'S CHINESE.

FOOTBALLERS' LEAVE.

The East China football team from Shanghai returned by the *a.s. Empress of Russia* yesterday noon. The team was taken to the liner from Queen's Pier on a special launch hired by the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and officers of the Chung Hua Ti Yuk Wui, the South China Athletic Association, and other sporting organizations. The committee's launch accompanied the *Empress* part of the way out of the Harbour, cheers being exchanged from time to time and crackers fired.

YOUNGER PLAYERS FOR "TESTS."

LORD HAWKE ON 6-DAY CRICKET MATCHES.

AUSTRALIANS CRITICISED.

Lord Hawke, president of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, in his speech at the annual meeting at Leeds made many pointed and interesting criticisms regarding Test matches.

He said that the extension of time for the Test games appeared to be inevitable, but thought that the strongest ground of objection for any longer extension of days for Tests in this country was the general effect of the games.

"No doubt six-days cricket may be suitable in Australia, because of the climatic conditions and the comparatively small number of first-class matches," he said. "But there is no comparison of conditions prevailing here with those existing in Australia."

"Those who would subordinate all matches to the Tests had already gone so far as to endanger the turning of Test cricket into a fetish."

Referring to England's part in future tests, Lord Hawke said we had seriously to ask ourselves: "Was it well that the veterans of the game should have been the chief factors in our victory? It was up to England to give encouragement on the forthcoming trial matches to the younger players."

The Smaller Ball.

The general desire for a smaller ball he thought was sound in every respect. It would enable a bowler to get a better grip and impart more finger strength. He would go a little further and allow a new ball to be used after each 100 runs.

Another important matter, said Lord Hawke, was the undue preparation of wickets. He favoured the natural grass wicket, but it was a difficult problem which could only be met, in his opinion, by instruction by the counties in the use of maul.

Lord Hawke made a strong criticism of the proposed engagement of W. H. Ponsford by the Blackpool club, and said: "It is a great pity that monetary considerations should be brought forward to take away from his country and from international cricket, for that is what it means, a player who has toured in this country."

"My sympathies are entirely with Australia, who are apparently trying to raise a large sum of money to keep this man at home."

A cheque for £2,500, which had been raised by a testimonial fund, was handed by Mr. F. C. Toone, secretary of the club.

MR. BIRRELL'S 77TH BIRTHDAY.

ORIGIN OF MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S METAPHORS.

Mr. Augustine Birrell, essayist, raconteur, lawyer, and veteran Liberal statesman, the wittiest and probably the most incompetent of Irish Secretaries. He walks with erect carriage, and retains the nimble wit that makes him one of the most entertaining of after-dinner speakers.

Mr. Birrell was entertained by a large company to luncheon at the National Liberal Club, Whitehall, S.W. Afterwards, to a pressman, he said:

"Don't believe in after-dinner speeches, they are usually so dull, but people will be talked at; they still like to be talked at; they would sooner be bored to death than have no speech at all."

The debates in the modern House of Commons are wrapped in a cynical, parochial gloom nowadays. Talk never seems to get beyond the parish pump idea.

Women M.P.s are quite harmless at present, there are only six of them; but they may be a nuisance yet.

Mr. Lloyd George learned his metaphors while poaching as a boy. He used to snare rabbits and catch fish and all sorts of things when he was a little fellow of 7 or 8. He sees everything except his future. He always does the unexpected. As a young man he had spoken on a private Bill, and, after being severely tanned by Gladstone, he turned to me, his face beaming with pride, and remarked: "The old man is quite a good debater."

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WHERE SLAVERY STILL EXISTS.
PROBLEM OF MANDATORY TERRITORIES.

A SACRED TRUST FOR CIVILISATION.

Speaking on the subject of "mandates" at a meeting of the Stafford branch of the League of Nations Union, Miss Janet Stephens, a well-known worker for the League, said it would come as a shock to some people to know that there were still some three million slaves in the world, including two million in Abyssinia. There were 19 political areas in Africa and Asia where slavery was still extant. The nations were making a valiant attempt to stamp it out, but it was a difficult thing to do.

The mandatory system for the administration of ex-empire Colonial territories was nothing more or less than a form of trusteeship, which would continue until such time as the country concerned had grown and developed to the extent that it could control its own affairs.

In the words of the Covenant it was a "sacred trust for civilisation" and it was laid down explicitly that the mandatory Powers were not to exploit those countries for their own benefit and to increase their own riches, but to govern and administer them in such a way that the natives eventually would be able to govern themselves.

Clash of Colour Problems. In conclusion, Miss Stephens suggested that the difficulties arising from what had been described as the clash of colour or race problems—whether white and black men could work on equal conditions, and whether the black man was entitled to receive the same rate of pay for the same work—would only be solved if they met them in the spirit of the League.

FALSE PRINCESS.

HOODWINKS GERMAN CITY.

"POOR DEAR KAISER."

The City of Erfurt has not only been fooled by a false prince as we related recently but also by a false princess. Royal experience in the life of Emma Barth, a cook of 41, was less glorious than that of Harry Dromela, who posed as a Hohenzollern and was received with royal honours in aristocratic circles in Coburg.

Emma Barth had been in the service of some aristocratic families during the last 15 years, and was once in the service of a genuine Hohenzollern at Potsdam.

She thus got some idea of the way in which great ladies behave. Being tired of cooking, she arrived at Erfurt as Princess Margaret of Prussia, niece of the ex-Kaiser.

She played the part very well and got credit in the hotel and in the shops, while a wealthy man, who was fascinated by the idea of a royal romance, was vanquished by her somewhat mature charms.

Admirer Buys Frocks.</

FACTS ABOUT THE BOLSHEVIK EMPIRE.

FAMOUS IRISHMAN ON LIFE IN RUSSIA.

WORSE THAN ANCIENT PAGAN STATES.

THE SINISTER FIGURES OF LENIN AND TROTSKY.

Captain Francis McCullagh, the famous War Correspondent, author and authority on present-day Russia, who is a native of Omagh, lectured recently in Buenos Ayres on "Russia To-day." The lecture was given under the patronage of the American Ambassador, the Hon. Peter Augustus Jay, and H.B.M. Minister, Sir Malcolm Robertson, and among those present was the Russian Minister, M. Eugene Steip.

In the course of the address, Captain McCullagh said: In one of the foreign Legations at Moscow there is a sound rule that the members of the Mission must leave Russia in turn on holiday once every six months or so, in order to get a breath of fresh air in some comparatively sane country. I call it a "sound rule," for as I shall do my best to make clear in a few moments, things in Russia are still in so topsy-turvy a condition that a long, uninterrupted residence tends to effect one's nerves, and a diplomatist who loses his nerve in time of peace is as useless to his country as a soldier who loses his nerve in time of war.

Lenin's Gloomy Tyranny Compared to the Incas.

I never expected that anything I would see in this young continent would remind me of the vast and gloomy tyranny which Lenin has erected in Moscow a tyranny which, though only nine years old, has already acquired all the worst features of ancient despots.

In this expectation I have been mistaken, for I have been in Mexico, which is fast following Red Russia to the abyss, and in Peru and Bolivia I have seen sights that I have never seen elsewhere. I was trying for the moment to forget that the Red Republics were travelling fast when I first became acquainted with them during the awful period of the Red Terror. Those sights, I hasten to add, had nothing to do with present conditions in Peru or Bolivia; they belonged to that past age when those two countries, together with Ecuador and part of Chile, formed a great pagan Empire ruled from Cuzco by the Incas; they were in fact the ancient monuments of that mysterious, socialistic empire, monuments which were plentiful both in Bolivia and Peru. I have seen many of those monuments myself, and they always reminded me of the Soviet State which has been built up in Moscow by the Maxists, of the utter Paganism inherent in the theory of that State, and of the extreme Communist programme which it intends to carry out.

Lenin the Protagonist of Retrogression.

At first sight it seems absurd to institute a comparison between this Russian Republic of the 20th century, and the Peruvian Empire of the 15th century, but both Governments are Pagan, and though the form of Paganism is different you will be surprised at the similarity of the effects. Government cannot be founded on Christianity or on any other religion, but on the principle of bringing back some very undesirable features of Paganism. Japan may seem to contradict this theory; but a residence of four years in Japan showed me that, though that country is not Christian, it is governed on principles which are a product of Christianity. What calls itself progress is sometimes retrogression. Lenin thought he had got a thousand years ahead of everybody else, whereas he had in some respects gone back four thousand years to the era of Ninerech and Babylon. It is true that Russia uses electric light, but this is an accident, a non-essential thing. In Russia during the last nine years this light has illuminated scenes of savagery worthy of Nero's Rome.

Centralised Despotism.

Russia regards itself as the last word in republics, but that does not prevent its government from being as little democratic as the government of the Incas. The Bolsheviks themselves admit that their party numbers only 350,000 persons, and of these not more than a few hundred constitute the controlling force. In fact it might be said that the controlling force resides in a bureau, called the Political Bureau of the Communist Party; and even in this bureau there is always one dominant figure. At first that figure was Lenin. Now it is Stalin. As for the 120 million people outside the Government, they are not allowed to take any real part in the Government. The Kremlin is for them what Cuzco was for the ancient Peruvians, the seat of a vast, mysterious Super-State speaking to the people from behind a veil, enforcing the orders with relentless cruelty, and seeming to regard itself as a divine entity, immortal, omniscient, and infallible, rather than a group of ordinary men. But where the Peruvians regarded the Incas as a beneficent deity, the average "muzhik" regards the Soviet Government as nothing less than Antichrist, the Red Dragon of the Apocalypse.

Lenin was as ignorant of real Christianity as Atahualpa, and possessed by the way, an equally in-European type of face. There is a great deal of Tartar blood in Russia, and Lenin was born on the frontier of Asia, in a district of south-western Russia which was ruled by the Tartars till the time of Ivan the Terrible, and still contains some of these fierce nomads.

The last occasion on which I saw this great revolutionary chief was some months before his death when he attended a Communist meeting in Moscow. Disbelieving in "let us make our Paradise here in Russia, without the assistance of any religion, without the hope of any hereafter."

Panic Stricken Refugees.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have been in that Paradise, and I was glad to get out of it. It looked more like the other place. Ever since the Bolshevik revolution I have been most of my time inside that Paradise, or else outside on the frontier when the inside became too hot for me; and I remember that there used to occur a periodical rush across this frontier, not in the direction of this earthly Paradise but in the opposite direction: a rush was caused by people getting out. Mothers fled without their babies, artisans without their tools, students without their books, short-sighted men without their spectacles. I have had experience of twenty-two years, but never did I see refugees in such a condition of terror. It was like a stampede out of a burning out. "Surely," I said to myself, "some diabolical shame must be sitting on the throne of the dead Czar."

A Strange Personality.

But to return to Lenin. The illness from which he suffered on the occasion of which I speak, had emphasised the Mongolic traits in that terrible face, the high cheek bones; striking sallowness; the unusually square and powerful jaw; the eyes far apart, small, and sunken; the curiously shaped skull; the scanty jet-black beard. I had an excellent opportunity for close observation, and I think that I made good use of it; but if any of you wish to see that face for himself, he can still do so, for it is visible through the glass lid of the coffin wherein Lenin lies embalmed. That coffin rests inside a vast and sinister mausoleum built outside the Kremlin wall and lighted internally by electricity.

The Soviet Republic of Lenin bears more than a mere superficial resemblance to the Socialistic Empire of the Incas. From the pages of Garcilaso de la Vega and the other Spanish writers to whom we are indebted for all we know about ancient Peru, we learn that the Incas were everything, and the people nothing.

Slavery.

In February, 1920, I was in the town of Ekaterinburg at the same time as Trotsky, and I saw that he practised what he preached. He mobilised great masses of men for various kinds of work, factory work, railway work, mining, etc., without ever once asking those men what their private preferences were. Some of them may have been poets, others may have been painters, but Communism is mass-action which cannot take individual cases into account.

In European Russia at the same time a regular man-hunt was being carried on after mechanics and other skilled workers who had fled from the nationalised factories to the villages where they had taken up farming or opened little repair-shops of their own. Those refugees were hounded down by the soldiery, exactly as if they had deserted from the army.

Now, this is nothing less than slavery, slavery camouflaged by all sorts of revolutionary verbiage; nevertheless slavery in the literal sense of the word, the sense it had in pre-Christian times. And in my opinion slavery to this Soviet State is a much more grievous matter than slavery to a Roman patrician ever was, for, no matter how corrupt he might be, a Roman patrician had a heart, whereas that godless abstraction, the Soviet Government, has none. A Government cannot repudiate Christianity without bringing back some very undesirable features of Paganism; and one of these very undesirable features which has come back in Russia is slavery. In Russia, serfdom was abolished only about sixty years ago. There are many Russians now alive who were born serfs, and in the 9th century, the time of Charlemagne, the vast majority of Europeans were serfs. It took Christianity full a thousand years to abolish slavery, so deeply was it rooted; and finally it succeeded in doing so, not by direct prohibition, but by the creation of an atmosphere wherein that foul Pagan plant withered and died. And now, wherever the Bolsheviks succeed in destroying that Christian atmosphere, slavery again raises its head.

ALSATIAN'S BITE INQUEST.

DOG IN COURT.

GRAVE ALLEGATION AGAINST OWNER.

To allow a woman witness to be called to bear out an allegation that Mme. Jullien, of Addlestone, Surrey, ordered an Alsatian dog to frighten some children from a field with the result that a boy was bitten and later died from lock-jaw, the inquest on the boy, John Alfred Brown, 10, was adjourned by Mr. Oswald, the Marylebone coroner.

Mme. Jullien is a breeder of Alsatian dogs. The animal concerned in the case entered the court carrying a shopping basket in his mouth. He was followed by his mistress. He went into the jury-box and sat there.

Dr. R. A. Graff, house physician at Middlesex Hospital, said that the boy was admitted five days after the bite suffering from lock-jaw. The antitetanus serum treatment proved too late to save him. The wound was shallow, not extending to the muscle.

Mr. Oswald: If a dog had been digging a hole in the ground and putting its nose into and perhaps getting its teeth touched with the dirt, would it be possible, if there was tetanus in the earth, to communicate it to a person by the dog biting the person?—Yes.

Mr. J. C. C. Gately (for Mme. Jullien): A dog bite is not in itself dangerous, is it?—No, unless it is infected. Tetanus following a dog bite is not a common combination.

Mme. Jullien, who elected to give evidence, took the dog towards the coroner, who said: "This is a fine animal," and stepped down from his desk to pat him. He fondled his head, and then, with the aid of Mme. Jullien, examined the dog's teeth. She said she called the dog Fitz, and added that he was not fierce.

Coy With Strangers.

Mme. Jullien then ordered Fitz to lie down, and he remained quiet while she entered the witness-box. Mr. Oswald: You have seen, a good deal of talk in the papers lately about their treacherous nature. What do you think about that?—I don't think they are.

A Wolf Cross.

Mr. Gately: Is it not true that two or three months ago the Alsatian League had brought to their notice that certain experiments were being made by people who were crossing wolves with Alsatians?—I had one of those dogs sent to me. The father was a wolf from Wembley and the mother was a very beautiful Alsatian.

You have not got that dog now?—Oh, no. It was only sent to me to look after. It was the most awful brute I ever struck.

What sort of an animal was it? Was it fierce?—Oh, no; it was most cowardly, nervous, and shy, and would only come out at night.

Questioned by Mr. C. Haddon Gray (for the dead boy's father), Mme. Jullien agreed that this dog was trained in Germany.

Attack Signal Denied.

"No, I absolutely deny it," exclaimed Mme. Jullien.

Mr. Gray complained that the woman who accompanied Mme. Jullien in the field had not been called to give evidence. "I contend that she would substantiate what I have said," he continued. "I allege that the dog was perfectly docile until Mme. Jullien gave the words for it to back."

Mme. Jullien: I would never dream of setting the dog to attack children; it is absolutely incredible and a wicked suggestion. I think it is a very cruel attack that has been made.

Mr. Gray again pressed for the woman with Mme. Jullien to be called.

Mr. Oswald: It was within your power to bring any witness you chose.

Mr. Gray: I did not know that, but I have a reason for making this request—a reason which I am not at liberty to give now. I think, however, her evidence will be very material. The information which has come to me is that she will confirm what I said, that she heard the signal given.

(Continued on next column.)

PEER'S HEIR SENT TO GAOL.
FALSE PRETENCES AND THEFT.
VICTIM OF STROKE AND MALARIA.

The heir of Lord Haldon, the Hon. Laurence Edward Broomfield Palk, 30, described as a clerk, was charged on remand at Marylebone Police Court in the name of Laurence Ray, under a warrant dated June 13th, 1925, with obtaining by false pretences from Mr. Stanley Parnell, £3 10s, at Portchester-road, Baywater, W.

There was a further charge of larceny as a bailee of an attaché case and samples, valued at £8 5s. 6d., belonging to Mr. Stewart Longford, of Dean-street, Soho, W.

Mr. Pedler, for Palk, said that he had instructed him to plead guilty to both charges.

Detective-Sergeant M. C. Taggart said that Palk lived with his mother in Portchester-road until May 1925. The linen draper's business in the premises below was owned by Mr. Parnell. Palk told Mr. Parnell that his mother had sent him a cheque for £3 10s, and asked him to cash it. Mr. Parnell did so. The cheque was returned from the bank and Mr. Parnell communicated with Lady Haldon, who said that the signature on the cheque was not hers.

Mr. Bingley (magistrate): Why was that warrant never executed? This young man disappeared. As far as we know he had gone to Burham-on-Crouch, where his mother was residing. The police there were informed, but he could not be found. He has been roaming about ever since out of work more or less. He might then have been prosecuted for forgery?—Yes.

Mr. Pedler said that he had given serious consideration to the position of Palk.

Future Legislator.

Mr. Bingley: He is just like anybody else before me.

Mr. Pedler: Yes, although he is one of the future legislators of our land.

Mr. Bingley: I have got nothing to do with that.

Mr. Pedler said Palk was destitute at the time that he signed his mother's name to the cheque, and he thought his mother would honour it. Every effort had been made for him, and he had made efforts himself time and again. He had tried his hand as an actor, at fax farming in Kenya, as an engineer in Brazil, and he had worked with the Church Army for a year, but as a result of sunstroke and malaria, which he had twice in the army, he had never been the same man since. "He has come down and down and down, and now he is destitute," said counsel.

Previous Conviction.

Det.-Sgt. McTaggart said that Palk was sentenced to three months in the second division in 1922 for stealing.

Mr. Bingley (reading from the record): Stealing blankets, sheets, and clothing. The value of the property was £240. He was engaged as a caretaker for a month and during that time he pawned the property and absconded on the last day. If he had been a first offender I was prepared to deal with him as such. Much as I regret it I consider it is my duty that this man should go to prison for two months in the second division on each of these charges—that is, consecutively, four months in all.

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A Grave Assertion.

Mr. Oswald: Do you know that if you can prove that anyone maliciously set a dog on to a boy and as a result of a bite he died, that that may lead to the grave charge of murder—constructive murder? I don't know whether you appreciate that?

Mr. Gray: I shall say she sent the dog back not necessarily to bite them, but I do say she sent it back to frighten them out of the field.

Mr. Oswald said that in view of the grave statements he would have to adjourn the case and summon a jury. He asked Mr. Gray who was the woman that required summoning and he replied, "Miss Peter."

The hearing was adjourned.

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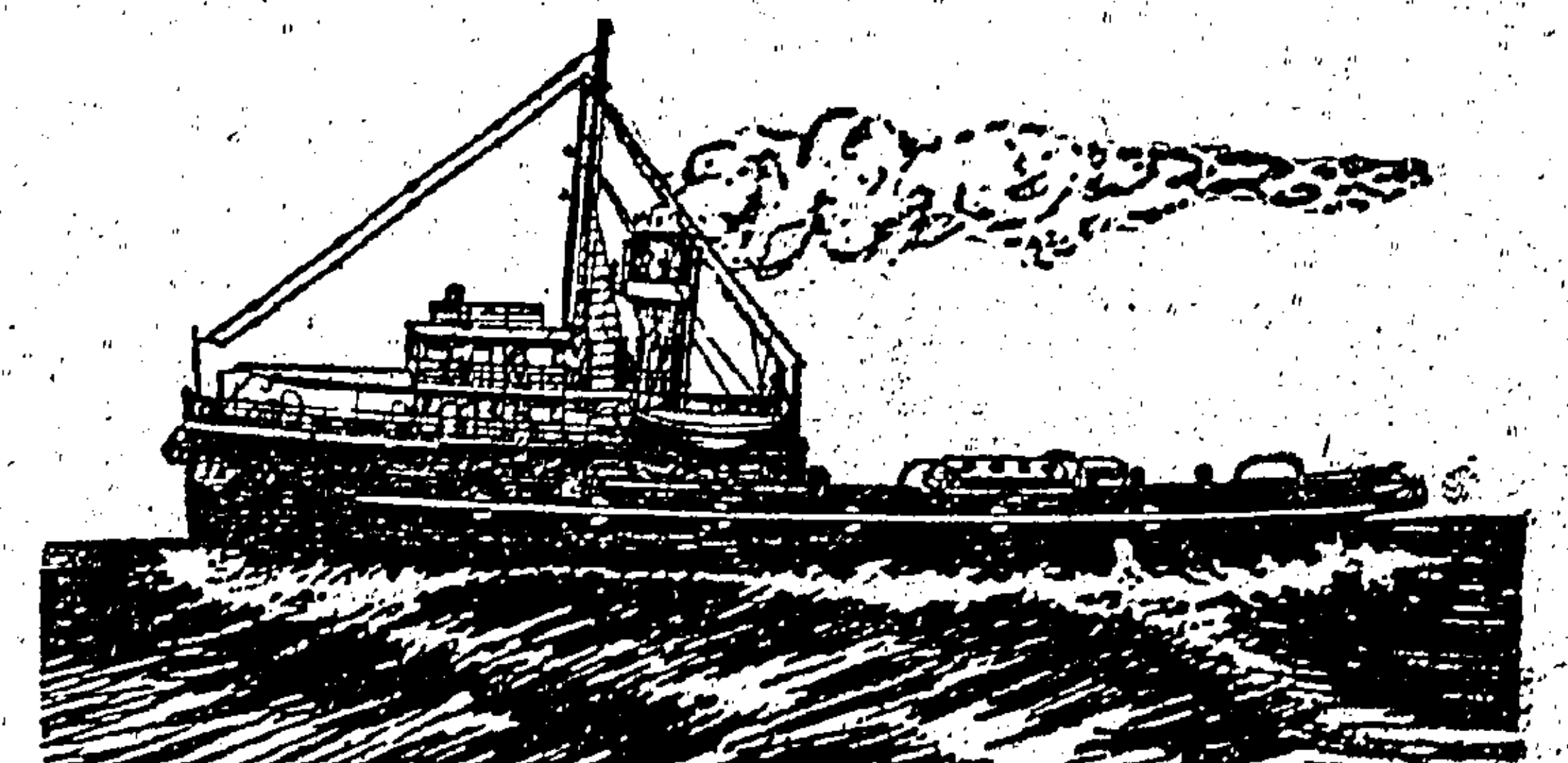
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TO MANILA.

PRESIDENT JEFFERSON	Feb. 21st, 6.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT WILSON	Mar. 1st, 6.00 a.m.
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STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"SUSANG"	Thursday, 17th Feb., at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Saturday, 19th Feb., at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via SHANGHAI	"HOSANG"	Sunday, 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
MOJI & KOBE	"OHIPSHING"	Sunday, 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN via SWATOW, SEAL & CHEFOO	"TINGSANG"	Sunday, 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"KINGSANG"	Sunday, 20th Feb., at 10 a.m.
CANTON	"HANGSANG"	Sunday, 22nd Feb., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG"	Sunday, 27th Feb., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHEONGSHING"	Thursday, 3rd Mar., at Noon
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Saturday, 5th Mar., at 1 p.m.
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Steamship "GLENMARTINSHIRE"	... 31st March.
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EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 4	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 19

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Mar. 30	Mar. 31	Mar. 24	Mar. 26

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SIBIRIA MARU (calls Keelung) ... Sunday, 8th March, at 10 a.m.
TAIYO MARU ... Tuesday, 22nd March
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GINYO MARU ... Saturday, 26th Feb., at Noon
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via Ports.

HAUSAN MARU ... Saturday, 26th Feb., at 11 a.m.
KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 12th March, at 11 a.m.
HARUNA MARU ... Saturday, 26th March
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd Feb., at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd March
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

CALCUTTA MARU ... Monday, 21st Feb.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
TOYOHASEI MARU ... Friday, 11th March
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town,
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HAUSAN MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd March
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
SEIYO MARU ... Monday, 21st Feb.
TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Monday, 28th Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
OSAKA MARU ... Friday, 18th Feb.
MURBAN MARU ... Wednesday, 2nd March
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU ... Friday, 18th Feb.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
CEYLON MARU ... Tuesday, 22nd Feb.
KAMO MARU ... Tuesday, 22nd Feb.

MALACCA MARU ... Tuesday, 1st March
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS STILL DOWN.

THROUGH CARGOES NORMAL.

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the freight returns made to the Harbour Office by the vessels arriving here showed that the imports of general merchandise into the Colony were below the average and that through cargoes destined for ports beyond Hong Kong were normal.

The Colony's imports amounted to 9,565 tons of general cargo, of which only 902 tons were discharged from one British steamer. The two best returns were shown by Norwegian steamers. The *Arcturion* from Saigon brought 3,005 tons and the *Solviken* from Bangkok, 2,300 tons.

Through cargoes totalled 13,089 tons, of which only 400 tons were carried by one British vessel. The German vessel *Oldenburg*, from Hamburg and Singapore manifested 7,800 tons and the *Indo Maru* (Japanese), from Nagoya and Moji carried 3,015 tons.

During the period under review, there were 11 arrivals and 16 departures. Their nationalities were: British, 2 arrivals and 7 departures; Japanese, 2 arrivals and 1 departure; Norwegian, 2 arrivals and 2 departures; Chinese, 1 arrival and 2 departures; French, 1 arrival and 4 departures; German, 2 arrivals and American, 1 arrival.

Vessels in port totalled 65, of which, 27 were British.

SHIPPING MOVEMENT.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan* left Shanghai for this port on the 15th inst. at 3.30 p.m., and is due here tomorrow at about 8 a.m.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, which left Hong Kong on January 28th, arrived at Vancouver on February 13th.

The P. & O. s.s. *Delta* left Shanghai for this port on the 15th inst. at 10.30 a.m., and is due here tomorrow, at about 8 a.m.

The M.M. liner *Portos*, arriving here yesterday from Marseilles on a voyage to China and Japan brought over 60 passengers for Hong Kong and carried about 90 through passengers bound for Shanghai and Japan.

The total number of deck passengers entering into Hong Kong during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 130.

About 9 a.m. on Monday, the s.s. *Kochow*, bound from Hong Kong for Wuchow ran aground in a fog at Lan Shan, near Whangmoon; she was re-floated at 7.30 p.m. and continued her voyage without incident.

It was reported yesterday that probably the s.s. *Kwang Tung* and the *Kwang Set*, will revert to the light run between Hong Kong and Canton.

H. M. Fleet Auxiliary *Portos*, Captain Cuthbert, with a capacity of 2,000 tons of fuel, arrived on Sunday evening from the Mediterranean for duty with the First Cruiser Squadron now in Far Eastern waters.

The Marine Department of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Shanghai, gave notice on February 10th that, owing to the extension of the bank on the southern side of the Cooper Bank Crossing in the Chinkiang district, the Crossing Light-boat has been moved 2.3 cables, N. 35 degrees E. From the new position of the light-boat, Kiushan Quoin Beacon bears S. 17 degrees E., distant 4.06 miles. All bearings given are magnetic. Chart affected: Marine Department Chart No. 12.

(Continued on next column).

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Antenor (Blue Funnel), due March 2nd.

Calchas (Blue Funnel), due March 17th.

Delhi (Swedish East Asiatic), due March 2nd.

Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due February 25th.

Eumenes (Blue Funnel), due March 27th.

Hector (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.

Mongolia (P. & O.), due to-day, about 8 a.m.

Nyanza (P. & O.), due February 19th, about 8 a.m.

Polyphemus (Blue Funnel), due March 7th.

President Jefferson (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 19th.

President Wilson (D.S. & A.M.L.), due to-day.

Rhezenor (Blue Funnel), due March 15th.

Taina (B.I. & Apear), due Feb. 20th.

Troilus (Blue Funnel), due March 13th.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Feb. 16th.

Previous Day at 2 p.m.

On Date at 6 a.m.

On Date at 12 p.m.

Barometer... 29.86 29.55 29.91

Thermometer... 81 96 69

Humidity... E E East

Wind... 3 3 3

Force... 0 0 0

Weather... 0.00 0.00 0.53

Rain... Highest open-air Temperature, 16th: 68

Lowest open-air Temperature, 16th: 63

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Mist; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 17th to 23rd, 1927.

High Water. Low Water.

Day of Week. Date. Time. Height. Day of Week. Date. Time. Height.

Thur. 17. 11. 2. 4. 4. 20. 0.8

Fri. 18. 10. 4. 7. 1. 3. 25. 0.9

Sat. 19. 10. 34. 6. 8. 4. 3. 2.8

Sun. 20. 11. 41. 4. 6. 5. 22. 1.2

Mon. 21. 11. 23. 6. 1. 5. 16. 2.9

Tues. 22. 11. 54. 5. 6. 3. 56. 3.0

Wed. 23. 11. 53. 5. 0. 6. 45. 3.1

1. 19. 5. 1. 7. 59. 3.2

LIGNES COMMERCIALES (CARGO BOATS).

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s/s "D.P. BENOIT" ... 28th February.

s/s "CAPT. FAURE" ... 15th April.

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ANGKOR ... 14th Jan. 16th Feb. 1st Mar. 15th Mar.

PORTHOS ... 28th Jan. 2nd Mar. 29th Mar.

PAUL LEON ... 11th Feb. 18th Mar. 12th April

O. METZINGER ... 25th Feb. 30th Mar. 28th April

AMAZON ... 11th Mar. 12th April 10th May

CHRONOMÈTRE ... 11th Mar. 12th April 10th May

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"KASHMIR" 9,005 12th March Mar'les, L'lon, Antwerp & B'ham.

"NAGFORE" 5,233 14th March Mar'les, L'lon, Antwerp & B'ham.

"NYANZA" 7,023 16th March S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.

"MONGOLIA" 16,504 19th March Mar'les, L'lon, Antwerp & B'ham.

"MACEDONIA" 11,120 2nd April Mar'les, L'lon, Antwerp & B'ham.

"KEYBER" 9,114 9th April Mar'les, L'lon, Antwerp & B'ham.

"DEVANHA" 8,155 16th April Mar'les, L'lon, Antwerp & B'ham.

"DELTA" 8,097 27th April S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.

"MALWA" 10,980 30th April Mar'les, L'lon, Antwerp & B'ham.

"NELLORE" 6,553 11th May S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.

"KASHMIR" 9,005 14th May Mar'les, L'lon, Antwerp & B'ham.

"KALYAN" 9,144 25th May S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.

"MANITUA" 10,902 28th May Mar'les, L'lon, Antwerp & B'ham.

"KASHMIR" 9,005 11th June Mar'les, L'lon, Antwerp & B'ham.

"MANITUA" 10,902 14th June Mar'les, L'lon, Antwerp & B'ham.

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"YAKADA" 6,949 24th March do.

"PALAMHA" 8,010 31st March do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

"TANDA" 6,956 4th Mar. Manila, Sandakan, Thursday

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Delta	17th Feb.
Europe via Suez (letters & parcels, London, 20th Jan., & parcels, 15th Jan.)	Mongolia	17th Feb.
Shanghai	Shanghai	17th Feb.
Australia & Manila	Tango Maru	18th Feb.
Shanghai	Hongkong	18th Feb.
Shanghai	Kaiyuan	18th Feb.
Shanghai	Nippon	19th Feb.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Deucalion	19th Feb.
Shanghai	Shanghai	19th Feb.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	20th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Shiyo Maru	20th Feb.
Japan & Amoy	Taiwan	20th Feb.
Japan & Amoy	Kamo Maru	21st Feb.
Japan & Amoy	Hakusaku Maru	21st Feb.
Japan & Amoy	Emp. of Asia	25th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	25th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	25th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Sandakan	Linang	Thursday, 17th, 10.30 A.M.
Straits & Calcutta	Sui Sang	Letters 1.00 P.M.
Straits	Cromer	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters & parcels, specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Mongolia	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Kwangtung	5.00 P.M.
Hongkong, Fokhoi and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Friday, 18th, 8.30 A.M.
Japan	Tango Maru	9.30 A.M.
Sourabaya	Trieste	10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Hai Chung	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Delta	2.30 P.M.
Bangkok	Chinhua	2.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Kaiyuan	Letters 10.30 A.M.
Haiphong	Linang	8.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters & parcels, specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Nyasa	10.00 A.M.
Dolo and Cebu	West Hindred	Noon
Straits & Calcutta	Namany	Letters 1.00 P.M.
Formosa	Ungarry	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Houng	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaiyo Maru	Sunday, 20th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow & Bangkok	Kwangtung	9.30 A.M.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	Monday, 21st, 8.30 P.M.
Amoy	Shanghai	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & P. America, & Europe via Suez (letters & parcels, specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Shiyo Maru	Tuesday, 22nd, 8.45 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Hai Ning	1.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	Demodocus	Letters 1.45 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 7th Mar.	Mishima Maru	8.45 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow	Hai Hong	Friday, 25th, Noon

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 27th May, 1926. [S.]

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A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 27th May, 1926. [S.]

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A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.
Hong Kong, August 1st, 1923. [S.]

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A. BOLLIN, Manager.
Hong Kong, End December, 1925.

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A. LECOT, Manager.
Hong Kong, 20th March, 1924. [S.]

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL\$10,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL5,000,000
RESERVE FUND1,200,000

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See Tsang Po, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1923.

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL£1,200,000
PAID UP CAPITAL£1,085,935
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